

FAKE POISON FAILS, KILLS DEATH SURE

Ned Finley, Actor, Pens Suicide Note After Taking Soda Bought for Acid

LATER DRINKS FATAL DRUG

New York, Sept. 28.—Taking copious doses of bicarbonate of soda, in the belief that it was cyanide of potassium, Ned Finley, an actor, sat down to a desk in his room, early yesterday, in the Hotel de France, West Forty-ninth street, and penned the impressions of a deliberate suicide. It was his second attempt at self-destruction in two years.

After waiting for forty minutes for the poison to act, Finley realized that the drug had perked beyond his mutterings and that he wished cyanide to kill a dog and had supplied him with a cure for indigestion. Then he took a large dose of strychnine and wrote his last note. This was his first note, found by the police on his desk.

"I have already taken what the doctor said was cyanide. I bought it on the pretense of poisoning a dog. At the time I wrote this at 2:30 o'clock, just ten minutes after taking the supposed fatal dose. I feel very much alive and have had no bad effects."

He writes a second note. After waiting a few minutes longer for the effect of a deadly drug that he thought to act quickly, he wrote this note:

"I have some strychnine, which I am going to try next, and hope this takes my life. I will wait until 3 a. m. before I take it."

Another wait followed and the bicarbonate of soda still failing to cause death, Finley took a heavy dose of strychnine and pronounced another farewell note.

"I have just taken a quantity, but don't know how much, of strychnine. It does not seem to be doing anything. I am suffering no pangs of conscience. Don't believe I have such a thing. Hope this is goodbye."

He died noon yesterday a maid rapped at the door of his room. There was no response. An hour later she called again, still failing to arouse the sleeper, she called the manager. The police broke in. They saw the lights still burning as the actor had used them while he wrote his death notes. He was lying across the bed as if he had fallen there heavily. In the stump of his left arm sticking out at the side—he lost the hand with blood-poison two years ago when he slashed his wrist in a futile attempt to commit suicide in Central Park.

Other Notes Are Found. Turning to the desk, the police found the death notes, the last written in a more and more irregular hand as it reached its end. Death agonies shook the hand before it had finished the confession, so that the last words were almost illegible.

There were other notes, too. One told the actor's kind of America, to provide a check number, another asked that his effects be left to his wife, who, the police said, was a Miss Henri before her marriage to the actor. They don't know where she is now. Hence, near these letters was a hotel bill, a pile of pawn tickets bearing recent dates and a single copper—all the money left in the room.

Dr. George Holmann, assistant medical examiner, said that Finley had taken enough strychnine to kill an elephant. He said that the white powder believed by him to have been cyanide of potassium was merely bicarbonate of soda. The physician also said that the actor had been contracted for a few minutes by morphine. Finley was a drug addict and his arm was heavily dotted with needle punctures.

Finley was born in Virginia about fifty years ago. He had lived in the hotel for seventeen years and the walls of his room were covered with lithographs advertising his appearances in various films. Stationery found in the room bore the name "Ned Finley." Theatrical and motion picture productions. Ned Finley, general manager.

CROWDS OF WOMEN AT BIG TRENTON FAIR

"Ladies' Day" Attracts Thousands to Interstate Exhibition

Trenton, Sept. 28.—Today is "ladies' day" at the interstate fair and thousands of women crowded the grounds early in the morning. The exhibition, which is held at the grounds of the Chamber of Commerce, these exhibits are in Exhibition Building No. 2, and are arranged around a handsome hotel of the same name.

This afternoon exhibitions of Cox's and Roman riding were given by the men, and the famous monkey drill was presented for the amusement of the crowds.

Final Choice for Keystone State Lesley Cup Golf Team

Pennsylvania will defend its golf team championship in the Lesley Cup matches Friday and Saturday against New York and Massachusetts at Merion.

R. L. O'DONNELL, P. R. R. OFFICIAL, DIES

Former General Manager of Eastern Lines Succumbs in New York Hospital

HAD BEEN ILL SOME TIME

Richard Lincoln O'Donnell, vice-president of the Pennsylvania Railroad and formerly general manager of the Eastern Lines with offices here in the Memorial Hospital, New York City, this morning.

Mr. O'Donnell had been ill for some months, having undergone treatment at Buffalo, N. Y., and Baltimore before he was removed to New York.

During the period of federal control of railroads Mr. O'Donnell was in charge of all Pennsylvania Railroad lines east of Pittsburgh. Later he became vice president of the central region with headquarters at Pittsburgh.

Born in Philadelphia, November 5, 1862, Mr. O'Donnell was graduated from the Central High School in 1877 and from the Polytechnic College here in 1882.

In 1882 he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania as a rodman in the construction department. From 1884 to 1889 he was draftsman in the assistant engineer's office, West Penn division, at Blakesville, Pa. Following this he was attached to the principal assistant engineer's office at Altoona.

From 1887 to 1888 he was assistant superintendent of the Altoona division at Hollidaysburg, Pa. A year later he became assistant superintendent of the Philadelphia division at Lancaster.

In August, 1889, after three weeks' duty at the Philadelphia division at Johnstown, Pa., Mr. O'Donnell was transferred to New Florence, Pa., as assistant superintendent. From then on his rise was rapid and he became superintendent of the Altoona division in 1891, assistant engineer of the Tyrone division, 1891-1894; in 1894-97, assistant engineer of the Pittsburgh division; from 1897 to 1901, general superintendent of the same division; the following year, superintendent; and from 1903 to 1911, general superintendent of the Buffalo and Allegheny Valley division at Buffalo, Pa. From 1911 until the time he was general superintendent of the Western Pittsburgh Division at Pittsburgh, and following this he was made vice president.

Deaths of a Day SAMUEL M. SOUDER

First Superintendent of R. D. Wood Iron Works Dies at Vineland, N. J.

Samuel M. Souder, of Millville, N. J., died at Vineland yesterday, at the age of eighty-three years. He was one of the oldest citizens of Millville, and was for many years active in town affairs.

He was employed during the Civil War at Cramp's Shipyard, was the first superintendent of the R. D. Wood Iron Works, built the water works at Vineland, Pa., and a water plant at Lynchburg, Va. He also built the dam at Millville.

Mr. Souder was a trustee of the First Methodist Church and formerly served as councillor.

The Rev. D. M. Sanitoursens

The Rev. D. M. Sanitoursens, eighty-six years old, founder of the "St. Vincent's" monastery, died yesterday at the monastery, 1500 Hadden avenue, after a year's illness.

Of French ancestry Father Sanitoursens came to Camden many years ago and founded the monastery to which he devoted his life's labors. He was a fine scholar and was highly respected by many persons of other denominations.

Mrs. Mary A. McManus

Mrs. Mary A. McManus, who died last Saturday in Atlantic City, was the first woman principal of a boys' grammar school in this city. In 1868 she was appointed principal of the Mount Vernon Boys' Grammar School, on Catherine street, near Third.

THEY'RE VOTING IN JERSEY TODAY



Women took to voting today "like ducks to water." New Jersey election officials said when the men voters went to the polls for their primary. Mrs. Elizabeth Duth, of 407 North Ninth street, is shown casting a Republican ballot in the Fifth District of the Second ward in Camden

HARVARD 'MAN,' 13 YEARS OLD REAL FELLOW, SAYS MOTHER

Former Philadelphia Boy, Harvard's Youngest Student, Plays Baseball and Idolizes "Babe" Ruth, Declares Mrs. C. L. Santee

Thirteen-year-old Frederick Santee, formerly of this city, one of the youngest students ever to enter Harvard, is a "regular fellow."

His mother says so herself, and who is better qualified to know? If reading the sporting pages and holding down Babe Ruth home runs, Santee, does not make her unimpaired opinion a "regular fellow."

When Fred was two years old, Mrs. Santee said, "he began to spell words almost as soon as he could talk. We encouraged him, and taught him as much as we could for a child of that age. He began to spell entire sentences in a few weeks. Before he was three years old he had learned the multiplication table."

At the age of eleven he entered the Wilkes-Barre High School. He finished two years in one, and then moved to Philadelphia, where he lived at 1800 Spring Garden street until last summer, when he was graduated at the age of thirteen from Central High School. Today he is registered as a freshman at Cambridge.

House Bonus Bill Indorsed by Legion

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November 1 and 2, 1921. No other towns, contested, but San Francisco, New York, Baltimore and Minot, N. D., Houston, Tex., and Syracuse, N. Y., were all defeated in the running of the convention of 1922.

STATE LEGION FAVORS BUREAU COALITION

Cleveland, Sept. 28.—There was a discussion this morning at the caucus of the Pennsylvania delegation in the Winton Hotel to the effect that the consolidation of three bureaus—the war-risk insurance, public health and fire insurance, would be effected, but there was objection on the part of some of the delegates to placing the three bureaus under Director Cholmondeley Jones, or the delegation favored a coalition of the bureaus, however.

Frank W. Melvin, of Post No. 70, Philadelphia, who is the state's member bureau of the resolution committee, fostered the proposal in the caucus, and announced this morning that it had been voted upon favorably by the committee.

On the eve of the election of a national commander to succeed Franklin D. Miller, the Pennsylvanians, with sixty-one votes, remain pledged to one aspirant, Commander David J. Davis, of Scranton, at the caucus this morning he put a quietus on various reports that the Keystone strength would be cast for a particular candidate for this high position by declaring:

Edwin Lynch

Edwin Lynch, a veteran of the Civil War, died yesterday at his home, 811 North Sixteenth street, in his ninety-second year.

LEONCEINER IN AIRPLANE RACE

Frenchman Captures Bennett Trophy—De Romanet, a Comptroph, Only Other Finisher

TWO AMERICANS DROP OUT

By the Associated Press

Etampes, Sept. 28.—Sadi Lecoigne, the famous French aviator, today won the international airplane race for the James Gordon Bennett trophy. He covered the course of 800 kilometers, or 500 miles, in 1 hour 6 minutes 17.1 seconds.

Two American aviators dropped out of the race today. Howard Richart, flying a Dayton-Wright monoplane, started at 2:11:10.3-5, but withdrew soon after starting, because of difficulty with the steering mechanism.

De Romanet Temporarily Out

Captain De Romanet got away at 1:44:52 and made his first 100 kilometers in 22 minutes after the second lap. After spending twenty minutes in adjustments to his machine, he re-entered the race by flying across the starting line at 1:37 o'clock. He withdrew after making 200 kilometers in 48 minutes 52 seconds.

War Lines Were in Force

There was a dividing line we may take it which said that people on one side of the line were soldiers and on the other side were civilians. The law also determined that people on one side of the line could do things considered offenses against the United States, and that people on the other side of the line could do things considered offenses against the United States.

OPEN DIVISION OFFICE

Veterans of Famous First Prepare for Great Reunion

Bean Falls to Object

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

Bergdoll Jury Considers Verdict

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Mrs. Bergdoll Intent

Dies on Motorcycle

Will Probated Today

DEATHS

MATTRESSES Renovated

SICHEL'S 2d and Wash.

QUESTION BARRAGE MEETS GOV. COX

Omaha Newspapers Force Nominee to Give Direct Answers on Many Questions

GREAT CROWDS HEAR HIM

By the Associated Press

Omaha, Neb., Sept. 28.—Governor Cox took up and answered categorically a number of questions asked by local newspapers in his speech here last night.

Commerce Chamber Gets Housing Code

Report on State College Finances Also Presented at Annual Convention

Harrisburg, Pa., Sept. 28.—(By A. P.)—A draft of a proposed housing code for Pennsylvania which the state Chamber of Commerce committee in charge prepared to avert danger of construction of unfit dwellings and a report of a survey setting forth the financial needs of State College were presented to the state chamber at its annual convention sessions today.

Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, was declared by the governor to be the "head of the senatorial oligarchy" and he also said that the Republican senators "tacitly agreed" with President Wilson on amendments to the league covenant just before the President returned to Paris on his last trip, but soon afterward sent the "straw robin" in violation of their agreement, the governor asserted.

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