

FASTED TILL HE DIED.

A Contestant for a Museum Prize, Who Was Anxious to Beat Succo, IS NOW READY FOR HIS FUNERAL.

He Poured Down Champagne When He Could No More Drink Water.

AN EFFORT MADE TO PLACE THE BLAME

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.)

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—G. Henry Stratton, the faster, died in Bellevue Hospital about 4:30 o'clock this morning. He was one of half a dozen fasters with records who set out on October 5 to fast 50 days at Huber's Museum. The others were: Collins, weight, 143 1/2; pounds; Sanbrah, 138 1/2; Kirby, 137 1/2; Manning, 147 1/2; and Klenoch, 143 1/2. Stratton weighed 37 1/2 pounds.

The announced terms on which the fast was conducted were that the participants were each to get a salary of \$20 the first week and \$55 the second. After the first fortnight each was to get 10 per cent of the gate receipts, the remainder to go to the one who fasted the longest, even if the 50 days' fast was not accomplished.

End of the Fast Not Conceded. This virtually ended the fast, as the conditions were that only water should be taken. Stratton, however, while he continued to take champagne in evidently far more liberal doses than were prescribed, insisted that the fast was still on, and that it should not be ended until he took something solid.

It is alleged that Stratton stuffed his handkerchiefs into his mouth when he tried to make him eat, saying he would not take anything solid until the 50 days had expired, and he wanted to beat Succo's record. They persuaded him to take some cocoa, however, but in spite of the nourishment thus obtained he continued to fall so rapidly that the doctors had him taken to Bellevue Hospital.

He was at first put in one of the medical wards, it being supposed he was suffering from debility due to his long fast, but he speedily showed that he was not. He apparently drank, that he was removed to the alcoholic ward. When there he continued to exhibit a sign that seemed incompatible with the diet, and he had eaten nothing for 40 odd days, and he did not become quiet until threatened with a straight-jacket.

The Beginning of the End. He was then able to take nourishment in a liquid form, but his stomach became incapable of retaining it, and he grew weaker. Wednesday he passed in a sort of semi-stupor, and toward evening he sank rapidly in spite of the peptonized food which was administered in cucumers. His pulse reached 140 before it stopped.

Stratton lost 53 pounds in the course of his fast. An autopsy made by Deputy Coroner Donlin showed that the immediate cause of death was a leucemic coma, due to cerebral congestion, while a secondary cause was fatty degeneration of the heart. There were 2 1/2 inches of fat on the body. As, however, there was no fat in the stomach, except that administered at the hospital, Dr. Donlin thought the fast might have been a real one, and that the system had absorbed the muscular tissue in place of the fat.

As to the alcoholism, it is acknowledged that Stratton drank two quart bottles of champagne in the four days following Thursday, and it is also alleged that he got alcohol in a stronger form from attendant at the museum.

An Effort to Place the Blame. At the inquest, which will be held Tuesday, Coroner Hanly will endeavor to discover who was responsible for Stratton's death, and whether those who aided and abetted him are criminally liable. The dead man will be buried by his brother, W. A. Stratton, of Brooklyn. He was born in Brooklyn in 1851. He once fasted 30 days at public exhibition in Buffalo. He was the father of Stratton's death, as he says the fasting match was not initiated by him. J. M. Conant, said to be of Pittsburgh, being the originator and manager of the fast, \$700 which will be paid to Mrs. Leclere.

THE SWIFT SHENANDOAH.

America Ahead in the Building of Swift and Large Sailing Ships.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—The Maine ship building men have scored a victory in the triumph of the gigantic ship Shenandoah, which has just completed a race from San Francisco to Havre, France. At that port a cable dispatch announces she arrived today. On August 1 four sailing vessels left San Francisco for Europe, and it was understood at the time that there would be a lively race.

The ships engaged in the race were the Shenandoah, the British ship Strathmore, the S. D. Carleton, of Rockport, Me., and the British ship Balkomoh. The destination of the four races was Havre. None of the other vessels in the race has yet arrived. The Shenandoah carried 5,000 tons of wheat, the largest cargo ever carried in one vessel.

State Border Raid Commission's Work.

HARRISBURG, Nov. 19.—[Special.]—The State Border Raid Commission will meet in Washington next week to arrange for the passage of a bill through Congress appropriating \$3,500,000 for the reimbursement of citizens of the border counties of Pennsylvania for property destroyed during the war. Representative Stinson, of Patton, is already in Washington, and he will be joined to-morrow by Secretary B. M. Nead, of Harrisburg, and Thad. M. Mahon, of Chambersburg. Governor Pattison and other members of the commission will go to Washington next week. An endeavor will be made to secure action early in the session.

Wants \$100,000 for Malicious Prosecution.

CHICAGO, Nov. 19.—Early in September last the three members of the Board of County Commissioners of Reno county, Kan., jointly swore out a warrant against E. E. Wise and H. A. Christy, of Chicago, charging them with having embezzled \$250,000 of the funds of the Hutchinson and Southern Railroad Company in that county. Mr. Wise was arrested on the charge, he being in Reno county at that time, and after a full hearing he was discharged. Mr. Christy was never arrested. Mr. Wise has now commenced a suit for malicious prosecution against the County Commissioners for \$100,000 in the United States Circuit Court.

Branch Offices at the Postoffice.

By the first of next month both the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies will have branch offices in the new Post office building. The Western Union will have its office at the stairway leading to the second floor on the Fourth avenue side. The Postal will be situated in the same place on the Third avenue side.

LABOR AND RELIGION.

The Ministers Will Be Asked to Assist the Knights of Labor.

The officials and delegates from the Pittsburgh district to the Knights of Labor General Assembly at Toledo, on their return to the city yesterday morning, spoke with enthusiastic unanimity of the proceedings of the session, and all seem to believe that organization will be permanently benefited by the course pursued. The principal feature, to the Pittsburgh contingent, was the New York idea of educating the members of the order. It is said that all the ministers of the two cities will be invited to assist in a practical application of the plan by addressing the various assemblies.

District Master Workman Dempsey, of D. A. 3, says the educational plan was warmly received by all the delegates. He says: "There is no doubt of the popularity of the idea or of its successful introduction throughout the order. It is praised highly by all denominations to assist us was proposed by the local officials. They will be requested to discuss live topics, and our meetings will increase in interest."

The resolution of the ministers accept the bid. Out in Toledo the plan was found to be working with remarkable success. They have a ladies' assembly of bright women who have been well tutored. A number of the delegates attended one of the educational meetings of this assembly and were invited to talk. The invitation was accepted, but the boys were very sorry for it. The measure-looking ideas of that assembly drew them out in discussion until they were completely swamped and confused. Afterward it was learned that these women were well informed on all the economic questions, and could discuss them like an assemblage of Philadelphia lawyers.

Speaking of Powderly's vindication Mr. Dempsey said it was unanimous and complete, there not being a single vote against the resolution. "Mr. Powderly states his case, read his defense and submitted his proofs in such a clear, convincing manner that nothing else could be done. He showed the falsity of Mr. Farnum's accusations, but did not accuse him of dishonesty. Incompetency was the only thing alleged against Turner. A whole day was spent in reading correspondence on this matter. Mr. Powderly's action as a candidate for delegate to the Constitutional Convention was also explained and shown to be an effort in the order's behalf, to the satisfaction of all."

President John Costello, of the Miners' District Assembly; Master Workman Wise, of the cokeworkers, and Master Workman White, of the Clearfield district, were in the city yesterday en route home from the convention, and all seemed satisfied with the proceedings.

THE HOLT CASE STILL ON.

One of the Witnesses Charged With Being Untruthful.

In the United States Circuit Court yesterday the suit of the insurance companies against D. W. Holt, lumber merchant, was continued. In the forenoon a number of witnesses for the defense were called. H. C. Williams, the bookkeeper for the defendant, testified that a lot of the lumber burned was bought by the firm and brought there from other places. John M. Holt, a brother of the defendant, testified that Carpenter, who made the confession, had a bad reputation as to truth and veracity. He did not believe a word of the confession. A. B. Heard, postmaster of Phillipsburg, and a number of others testified as to Carpenter's bad reputation as to veracity. A. J. Graham denied the statements of Carpenter as to incidents he was connected with. The prosecution recalled Carpenter, who repeated his testimony as to the meeting at the Mountain House, at Snow Shoe, Pa., when Holt wanted him to sign an affidavit that his statements about the fire were untrue. This closed the testimony. Attorney Forney, then addressed the jury in behalf of the plaintiffs. He was followed by Attorney Reeder for the defense. The case will likely go to the jury to-day.

SITUATION AT SHARPSBURG.

Many Amalgamated Men Want to Take Their Old Jobs.

It was rumored yesterday that the strikers at Moorhead Bro. & Co.'s Sharpsburg mill had conferred with President Weibe, of the Amalgamated Association, with a view to having the strike declared off. The report could not be verified at the Amalgamated headquarters. President Weibe denies it. John Moorhead has said that old employees will be allowed to return to work when vacancies occur, there being now a few positions open. A number of the men are known to be desirous of taking them, though backward about taking such a step without the sanction of the organization. Whether they will be bold enough to ask for such permission is considered doubtful. Most of the strikers are now engaged in other pursuits.

A Mill Delayed by a Freight Wreck.

The Oliver & Roberts' rod mill on South Ninth street was shut down yesterday morning. The firm states that a scarcity of steel billets, caused by a Panhandle wreck, was the cause and that the mill will start up again to-day or to-morrow. It is said the reduction in wages at this firm's wire mill will be accepted by the employees.

Industrial Notes.

The striking printers and pressmen to the number of 175 received their weekly pay yesterday at the rate of \$5 per week for single and \$7 for married men.

MASTERS WORKMAN DENIES HE THE GENERAL K. of L. Assembly meeting at Toledo had the effect of adding 150 new members to the roll of one lodge there.

Despite the recent coal snap natural gas was so short that at a number of mills where they have not yet adopted coal the greater part of the work was done at night when the gas supply was stronger. The shortage of gas, it is said, will cause the resumption of coal at several mills in a short time.

Stole His Tickets.

Pullman Conductor Tweedie is sore over the loss of a bunch of tickets which some one stole yesterday on the trip from Cincinnati. There was \$62 worth of tickets and \$50 in the bundle. Mr. Tweedie had to make good to the Pullman people, and consequently is anxious to get back the punched pasteboards.

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Had His Commission Taken.

Chief Brown, of the Department of Public Safety, has taken the commission of Mike Malone, a special police officer. It is alleged that some time ago there was a fight on Market street, and Malone happened along, but refused to arrest the men. His case was then reported to Chief Brown. Malone was acting in the capacity of a watchman, and claims he has no right to make ordinary arrests. He will test the case.

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