



'MESSAGE FROM THE DEAD' TELLS STORY OF BINNER SUICIDE

Cashier Shot Self Because He Was Over Accommodating to Others With Bank Funds

HIS WIFE IS PROSTRATED

Believed to Be Short \$15,000; Directors Promise to Make Good Any Losses



ALVIN BINNER Bank Cashier who Killed Self.

Special to The Telegraph Lebanon, Pa., Feb. 8.—"A Message From the Dead" is the heading over a letter found by Mrs. Alvin Binner, of Schaefferstown, wife of Alvin Binner, cashier of the Schaefferstown National Bank, who committed suicide early Saturday morning. The "message" explains why he put the bullet in his brain. It is as follows:

A Message From the Dead My dear Laura and Children: I am wrong in my bank accounts. I do not have a cent of the bank's money; but am caught by (three men named). Do not give this paper to anyone but your lawyer, G. H. Moyer. The deeds are all in the safety deposit box in bank. The bank keys are in the new house, and the values are yours. Ask Rex Weigley for advice. I am sorry BUT COULD NOT tell you. I am sorry for the DISGRACE, but must go. This was my trouble for the last year. Good-bye to all.

ALVIN BINNER. The missive was found in the cellar entry of the new home recently built by Binner, and into which he expected to move his family soon. With the note was found his wallet, containing all the cash money he possessed, his watch, and life insurance policies. A cellar fire was already being built in the new home, and the values were placed at a spot where the suicide cashier knew no one but his wife would find them. Up to this morning, the affairs of the bank were still under examination by J. M. Logan, a United States bank examiner. He refused to say what shortage had been found in the accounts, but officers of the bank partially corroborated the statement made in the letter. There was a suspicion that the bank books had been "fixed" to cover the discrepancy, for all of the bank directors assert that they knew absolutely nothing of the overdrafts until Binner's suicide brought about an inspection of the bank records.

Bank to Make Good An interesting feature is the promise that the bank will not be forced into liquidation, and that the losses will be made good. Uriah B. Horst, who is president of the institution will be opened again without the loss of a dollar to depositors, unless the shortage should be found to be much over what has already been found, and he anticipates no such a surprise. He admitted that over-

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THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and Tuesday; lowest temperature to-night about 22 degrees. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair tonight and Tuesday; not much change in temperature; moderate west winds. River The Susquehanna river and all its tributaries will fall slowly in several days. A stage of about 6.2 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Tuesday morning. General Conditions The storm that was central over the northern portion of the Great Lakes, Saturday morning, has moved slowly eastward during the last forty-eight hours and is now passing off the New England coast. Light snows and rains have fallen in the Ohio Valley and from the Lake Region eastward to the Atlantic coast in the last twenty-four hours, and local snows were falling in Michigan, New York and Pennsylvania. A general fall of 2 to 24 degrees has occurred in the temperature east of the Mississippi river since Saturday. Temperature: 8 a. m., 24. Sun: Rises, 7:01 a. m.; sets, 5:31 p. m. Moon: New moon, February 15, 11:31 p. m. River Stage: 6.4 feet above low-water mark. Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 37. Lowest temperature, 30. Mean temperature, 34. Normal temperature, 29.

DEATH OF FAMOUS GERMAN FLIER



Photograph showing the famous German aviator Falkenstein after he had been shot down when reconnoitering over the lines of the allies in France. When first reports of his death were published it was believed he was another son of Admiral Falkenhayn, who had perished. The photograph shows the birdsman's Taube, with the Maltese cross, which distinguishes German machines, painted on the wings.

P. & R. HELPING TO BOOM FOREIGN TRADE

Division Freight Agent Points Out Foreign Trade Possibilities to Scores of Shippers

COACHING MANUFACTURERS

Puts Business Men in Touch With Washington Bulletin Service Department

If Central Pennsylvania manufacturers are not represented in the foreign markets of the world it will not be the fault of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company. Under the direction of Division Freight Agent E. D. Hillery, with headquarters in Harrisburg, every Reading freight agent and solicitor in the Central Pennsylvania field is acting as an advance agent for foreign trade. Prompted by the interest displayed by manufacturers in the recent foreign trade expansion conference held under the auspices of the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Hillery set about carrying the ideas expressed there to the hundreds of manufacturers along the Reading lines under his direction who found it impossible to attend the conference and learn for themselves. The Reading agents and solicitors talk foreign trade possibilities to every shipper with whom they come into contact and make special visits to fac-

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BEGIN LAST LAP OF IMPROVEMENT WORK

Less Than Two Months Will Mark Completion of All Big Jobs

8,000 FEET ON RIVER FRONT

Early Resumption of Various Contracts Dependent on Weather Conditions

Six weeks of work on Paxton creek, a month or so on the river wall and a week on the dam—and then Harrisburg's big improvement jobs in charge of the Board of Public Works will have been completed to begin by the resumption of operations for 1915 depends of course upon the weather, but unless the conditions are extraordinary, it is expected that the contractors should be ready to begin by the end of March, at the latest. What applies to the creek, wall and dam contracts is equally true of the paving work mapped out for this year. The grading of the proposed site for the Penn's freight station on South Second street, should be finished by April 1, while the Second street subway will be completed entirely by April 15 or May 1. 650 Feet of Creek Job With the opening of Spring the various activities of the street, park and water departments scheduled for 1915 will be started although some of the

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CUNARD LINER FLIES STAR AND STRIPES

Lusitania Hoists Yankee Flag While Crossing Irish Sea to Avoid Capture

WASHINGTON AWAITS REPORT

American Government Will Take No Action Until Page Forwards Official Statement

London, Feb. 8, 2:47 P. M.—Walter Hines Page, the American ambassador in London, to-day forwarded to the State Department at Washington a report on the Lusitania flag incident. The ambassador in his report informally reviews the alleged use of the American flag by the Cunard liner on entering Liverpool harbor Saturday morning, as was related to the members of the embassy staff by Americans who had crossed the Atlantic on the vessel. Washington, Feb. 8.—A report from Ambassador Page at London on the hoisting of the American flag on the Cunard liner Lusitania while crossing the Irish sea, was expected to-day, pending its arrival there were no official statements of how the American Government regarded the incident. It was stated, however, that while no report had been called for, one

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INCAUTIOUS USE OF WEAPONS RAPPED AS SCOTT IS SENTENCED

Ex-patrolman Gets From 12 to 20 Years in the Eastern Penitentiary

MINIMUM LENGTH SURPRISE

McCarrell Declares Police Officers Must Be Careful With Revolvers

Not less than twelve nor more than twenty years in the Eastern Penitentiary was the sentence imposed this morning by the Dauphin County Court upon ex-Patrolman Robert R. Scott. Scott was convicted in January quarter sessions, of murder in the second degree of Nathaniel Banks, a fellow-negro, following a quarrel in Sibley-town. The jury commended Scott to the court's mercy. In pronouncing sentence Additional Law Judge S. J. M. McCarrell, the trial judge, pointed out that while the jury was warranted in returning the verdict in the degree that it did, the court, under the testimony, would not have felt at liberty to set aside a verdict of first degree had the finding been such. Further Use Weapons With Caution Furthermore Judge McCarrell in unmistakable language explained the extent to which police officers may use the revolvers or maces which they are permitted to carry and emphasized the importance of using their weapons with caution and only in the performance of their duties. The length of the minimum term created more or less surprise in police and court circles as well as throughout the city. Scott himself was affected, although he did not show any evi-

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GERMANS AND RUSS IN FIERCE BATTLE ON WARSAW FRONT

Important Successes of Russians in Carpathians Announced in Petrograd Dispatches; 2,700 Austrians Reported Captured; Rumanians Victorious in Battle With Austrians, Following an Invasion of Rumanian Territory

The German attack in Central Poland thus far has failed to make a gap in the Russian lines which would open the way to Warsaw and apparently the only result of the battle has been heavy losses on both sides. Petrograd has announced the capture of several German positions, but the general alignment of the opposing armies has not been changed materially. Minor victories there and in Northern Poland are reported by the Russian war office to-day. There is no slackening of activity in the Carpathians, where the Austrians, assisted by German reinforcements, are struggling with the Russians for mastery of the mountain passes which give access to Northern Hungary. Important successes of the Russians in several engagements are announced officially at Petrograd. It is said that Austrian attacks broke down and that in addition to inflicting heavy losses on their opponents, the Russians captured 2,700 prisoners. Rumanians Victorious A private dispatch from Nish, Serbia, describes a battle between Rumanian and Austrian troops which is said to have resulted from Austrian invasion of Rumanian soil, in the direction of an important strategic position which controls the only Serbian position on the Danube permitting communication with Rumania. According to this dispatch the Austrians were defeated and driven back. There is no confirmation, however, of the Nish report. STEAMER ABANDONED AT SEA Halifax, N. B., Feb. 8.—The Norwegian steamer Imataca, bound from Ayr, Scotland, to Baltimore, in ballast, was abandoned in a sinking condition in the middle of the Atlantic and her crew taken on by the steamer El Sorro, according to a wireless message received here to-day by the ma-

rine and fisheries department from Cape Race. The abandoned vessel was reported to be a menace to navigation. RUSS TO TAKE OFFENSIVE By Associated Press Warsaw, Russian Poland, Feb. 8, via London, 1:45 p. m.—The reaction which followed the cessation of the fierce German aggression in the region of Humin, and the transfer by German troops northward to initiate a new defence in the East Prussian country which lies between Tilsit, Gumbinnen and Lipno has provided the Russian forces in Poland, in the opinion of Russian military observers, with an opportunity for the long-heralded offensive. "Unemployed" Will Start Work on Chicago Streets By Associated Press Chicago, Feb. 8.—Solicitation of the \$500,000 fund to provide work for Chicago's unemployed began to-day under the direction of Professor Charles R. Henderson, of the University of Chicago, chairman of the Municipal Industrial Commission. The fund is being raised as a result of an appeal made by Mayor Harrison to citizens on Saturday. It is the object of the commission to insist upon a year's residence in Chicago as a qualification for work. "Your home workers must be taken care of first," Prof. Henderson said. "The relieving charitable organizations of their present burden in this direction we would be able to do more along the lines. The work created by the fund will be to beautify the city. Cleaning unsightly spots and street work of all kinds, for which public funds do not provide, will be started immediately according to the plans.

DACIA LEAVES NORFOLK TODAY

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 8.—The steamer Dacia was ready to start on her long-heralded voyage to Rotterdam with cotton from Galveston for Bremen. Great Britain has given notice she will seize the ship and pay for her cargo.

CARRANZA RECAPTURES MONTEREY

Laredo, Texas, Feb. 8.—The constitutionalist consul here to-day announced that Carranza troops had recaptured Monterey.

MAY SELL WILHELMINA AND CARGO

London, Feb. 8, 1:57 p. m.—Indications are more favorable to-day that the American commission for relief in Belgium will be successful in its efforts to purchase the American steamship Wilhelmina and her cargo of food supplies which the vessel is taking from New York to Hamburg.

PITTSBURGH, FEB. 8.—FEDERAL INSPECTORS TO-DAY FOUND FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE IN A HERD OF 176 CATTLE WHICH HAS BEEN QUARTERED IN ONE OF THE OUTLYING WARDS OF THE CITY SINCE LAST WEEK. THE ENTIRE HERD WILL BE SLAUGHTERED AND BURIED TOMORROW.

"MILLION-DOLLAR SWINDLERS" ON TRIAL

St. Louis, Feb. 8.—Depositions to prove that they warned jobbers and credit agencies that the Great Western Jobbing House in St. Louis was being run by Charles I. Greenfield, who had failed in business in Philadelphia, Carlisle, Pa., were introduced in the Federal District Court to-day at the trial of Samuel Bernstein and Jacob Lippman. These men are two of the four defendants still on trial in connection with the so-called "Million-dollar Swindle."

MAY GIVE UNEMPLOYED WORK

Harrisburg.—Mayor John K. Royal said this afternoon that he may suggest to City Council to-morrow the formation of some plan whereby employment might be given by the city departments to men who are out of work and who need jobs. "I'm not just clear as to what can be done or what steps may be necessary," said Mayor Royal, "but I think something should be done, and I did have in mind the advisability of bringing the problem to Council's attention. Whether I shall do so to-morrow or not I haven't fully decided."

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Paul Wesley Sharp, city, and Charlotte Catherine Gardner, Newport. Frank B. Bieker and Parthine Freda Spiekler, Steelton. John J. Pottelger, city, and Anna M. Spielmann, Carlisle. John Horwath and Annie Fortas, Steelton.

GREAT BRITAIN HAS LOST 104,000 MEN

Premier Asquith Makes Announcement in House Which Covers Dead, Wounded and Missing

By Associated Press London, Feb. 8, 3:30 P. M.—Premier Asquith, speaking in the house of commons to-day, said the British casualties in all ranks in the western arena of the war from the beginning of hostilities to February 4 amounted to approximately 104,000 men. This includes killed, wounded and missing.

\$24,108.66 Worth of Goods Saved in Kaufman Fire

Frank R. Leib, of F. R. Leib & Son who held a majority of the Kaufman fire insurance policies, stated this morning that the report made to them by the adjusters of the Kaufman's loss showed that the loss on the building was \$17,158.91; the loss on stock and fixtures \$76,020.49, and that the sound merchandise saved and taken from the burned building to the temporary store on Market Square, consisting of men's, women's and children's goods, inventoried \$24,108.66. The temporary headquarters of the Kaufman's underselling department store, at No. 9 North Market Square was closed all day to-day. A large corps of clerks were busy preparing the stock for the reopening of the special sale of salvage goods to-morrow.

2 PERSONS MAY HAVE BEEN BURIED ALIVE

Story of Former Nurse at Odd Fellows Home Is Partly Verified

Yonkers, N. Y., Feb. 8.—To the story that eight feeble inmates of the German Odd Fellows Home here had been put to death because they were aged and required much attention, was added to-day the suggestion that two other inmates might have been buried alive while still under the influence of an anesthetic. It was believed that at least two of the bodies will be exhumed. The coroner to-day began in investigation. There was little tangible evidence for him to work on except reports founded in the fears of the present inmates with whom they held a long talk yesterday. The New York undertakers who took charge of the bodies were to be questioned as to what steps they had taken to make sure that life was extinct before burial. Henry Blum, an embalmer questioned to-day by the coroner, confirmed a statement imputed to Fred Mors, a former nurse who told the district attorney he had caused the death of three inmates, in relation to the death of Henry Horn, December 20. Blum told the coroner, it was said, that when he took charge of Horn's body he noticed a burn on the mouth and asked Mors about it and that Mors explained it had been made by a cloth saturated with anesthetic tied about the dead man's face to hold his mouth shut. "The bodies of all the eight inmates who Mors said were put to death were entombed before burial, Blum said.

KRESGE WILL OPEN MAIL BRANCH HERE

Stock Will Be Practically Same as 5 and 10 Cent Stores; to Employ 60

S. S. Kresge and Company, of Detroit, owners of a chain of five and ten-cent stores, throughout the United States will open a mail order branch in Harrisburg about March 1. This firm has leased three upper floors of the Hursh building, Court and Cranberry streets, and expects to start business with a list of 1,000,000 prospective customers. Between sixty and one hundred employees, including a number of girls, will be given employment. The Hursh building was formerly

Coal Miner, Caught by Cave-in, Alive Under Tons of Rock

Butte, Mont., Feb. 8.—Of five miners caught by a cave-in in the Gagnon mine of the Anaconda Copper Company Saturday night the bodies of four have been recovered and the fifth, Richard Rogers, was still entombed early to-day, but was alive. Rescuers were in communication with Rogers and expected to bring him to the surface before the end of the day, although he is covered with many tons of rock. He shouted that he was free except that one foot was pinned between two masses of rock. Two of the five men were taken out alive, but died from their injuries soon after being brought to the surface.

DEALERS PREDICT BIG REALTY TRANSFERS

Negotiations Pending For Market Street, Square and Second Street Properties

Reports in real estate circles to-day indicate considerable activity within the next three months. It is understood that negotiations are pending for properties in Market street, Market Square and North Second street. John C. Wensell, with offices in the Trustee building, said: "There are four propositions for the sale of the Trustee building, now owned by N. K. Oyster. I am not at liberty at this time to say who is anxious to buy this building, but it will be sold in the near future. I also understand that negotiations are on for the sale of important Market street properties and that there will be a further extension of business houses in North Second street."

Announcement was made Saturday that Samuel Fishman, owner of the furniture stores and apartment houses at Herr and Sixth streets, had sold his property to Gideon C. Feeser, real estate dealer at Linglestown. Another change reported was that of the Brenner Outlet Store, 426 Walnut street, to the Frankum building. It is said that Charles Watson and Moe Cooper, who have been identified with the Globe Clothing House, will open a clothing store at 14 North Third street about March 1.

OPPOSES EXTRA SESSION

Washington, D. C., Feb. 8.—President Wilson told callers to-day he was making every effort to avoid an extra session of Congress.