

BANKER'S FIGHT AGAINST DEATH

Pitiable Struggle Watched by Whole Nation.

TOOK POISON BY MISTAKE.

Deadly Mercurial Drug Worked Slowly, but Surely, While Physicians and Nurses Tried in Vain to Check Its Effects, and the Patient and His Friends Hoped Against Hope.

A real life drama, which caught and held the attention of the nation as perhaps no play on the boards has ever done, was the recent struggle of B. Sanders Walker, a young banker of Macon, Ga., against inevitable death.

Mr. Walker, who was married and had one little son, took one night a seven grain tablet of bichloride of mercury, mistaking it for a headache remedy. The error was not discovered until several hours later. Nothing then could be done to counteract the poison, which, if not removed from the system a short time after it is taken, defies all medical skill.

Mr. Walker's first intimation of trouble was severe pain which rapidly grew worse. He called a physician and, after a brief examination, was told as gently as possible that his death must ensue within a few days, perhaps within a few hours.

Stunned by the fact at first, Mr. Walker soon recovered his composure and began arranging his business affairs. He called an attorney and made his will. Then he conferred with business associates, disposing of all matters that had been under his direct supervision. After that he threw his home open to the citizens of Macon and held "open house" to bid them all farewell.

As soon as the nature of Mr. Walker's illness was discovered the best physicians available were called to attend him. A corps of nurses also arrived at the home, and from that time on the struggle was on in earnest.

Hope of Recovery. Mr. Walker was repeatedly sweated in the hope that the poison might be removed from his system. He was also given intravenous injections of salt water at frequent intervals, and once in twelve hours the physicians fed him a pint of olive oil.

There was a temporary improvement, and both Mr. Walker and his friends began to hope against hope that he would throw off the powerful poison.

"I'll win out yet," he said cheerfully when informed that his condition had improved slightly. The physicians informed him that no person in his condition had been known to live longer than twenty-one days after taking the poison, but he held to life until the last ray of hope was gone.

News of Mr. Walker's valiant battle with death was telegraphed to every important city of the country and scattered broadcast by the press, bulletins on his condition being sent out twice or more each day.

In return from all parts of the nation telegrams were sent to the Walker home by physicians and others who had had experience with similar cases. From Johns Hopkins medical school at Baltimore emanated the suggestion that Mr. Walker's life might be saved if one of his kidneys could be removed and replaced by another from the body of a person recently dead. Mercurial poison paralyzes the kidneys, the physicians pointed out; hence the only hope was to transplant a healthy organ.

Dr. Alexis Carrel has transplanted the kidneys of dogs, and the animals operated on soon recovered. Dr. Carrel is reported to have said a similar operation is possible on the human body. By the time that suggestion reached Macon, however, Mr. Walker was so weak that he could not have survived the surgical shock of the operation.

Beginning of the End. Gradually the poison did its deadly work. Mr. Walker grew weaker, and his pulse increased to an alarming rate. Still he kept up his courage, often getting out of bed and going to the window to wave to the friends who gathered in great crowds in front of the house.

Prayers for Mr. Walker's recovery were offered in all the churches of Macon and in many other cities. The vigilance of the nurses was unrelenting, and every suggestion coming from reputable sources was tried by the physicians in attendance.

Shortly after the last sunset Mr. Walker was ever to see he called a nurse to his bed and asked her what the physicians had said in a whispered consultation a few minutes earlier.

"Did they say I must die?" he asked. "If so don't hesitate to tell me. I am not afraid to die. My only regret is that I must leave my family."

The nurse, unable to answer his piteous appeal, turned away. The doom-laden man had guessed aright. Then he became unconscious, and several hours later he peacefully breathed his last. When the news of his death went forth the entire city of Macon went into mourning for him.

What Made Him Skid?

A game of ball she went to see; She deftly kept the score; And when the bleachers cheered with glee She helped the general roar. She talked of strikes and liners hot, Of grounders and of flies. She seemed to know a wondrous lot That filled him with surprise.

But when, en route for second base, The star O'Muggles slid She said, with terror in her face, "Oh, Jack, what made him skid?" And, 'spite of the exciting throng, She worried and she fussed. And thought the play had all gone wrong Because his clothes got mussed. —Washington Star.

COOLLY ADMITS MURDER UPON STAND, BUT IS FREE.

Trial on Charge of Shooting Had Resulted in Acquittal.

Federal District Judge J. E. Sater and his court were startled when a witness in a damage suit in Columbus, O., confessed to a murder of which he had been acquitted and then boldly walked from the room. Because of this acquittal he cannot be tried again.

Lee Cage, a union ironworker of Wheeling, W. Va., made the confession. It caused a speedy settlement of the case of David J. Reardon, administrator, against the county commissioners of Jefferson county.

Reardon brought suit for \$5,000 damages for the death of his brother, John J. Reardon, a Pittsburgh detective, who was shot and killed in Steubenville, O., in May, 1910. Attorneys for Jefferson county offered to pay \$1,500 in cash and all the costs of the case, which was accepted by the attorneys for Reardon, and the case was closed.

John J. Reardon was employed by the La Belle Iron works of Steubenville to guard its property during the strike. Two weeks later while in Steubenville he was shot down. A dozen bullets were found in his body.

Cage, a member of the Iron Workers' union, was arrested. He entered a plea of not guilty, and the trial resulted in his prompt acquittal. When the damage case was called Cage offered to testify.

He made a full confession of the crime. Cage said that the first shots were fired by the detective and that he answered with a volley.

Cage admitted that he recognized that a confession from him at this time could not be used against him, as he had been tried and acquitted of the murder.

"The story of Cage was the most brutal and brazen that I have ever heard," said Judge Sater later. "If there ever was a miscarriage of justice it was in the case of Cage."

SURE OF BURTON'S SKILL.

Lipton Selected Amateur Skipper For Cup Race on Record.

"In intrusting the command of Shamrock IV, in the races for America's cup to an amateur yachtsman, W. P. Burton, I am aware I am doing something unprecedented," Sir Thomas Lipton is quoted as saying in London. "But I believe the results will fully justify the wisdom of my choice."

"I regard Burton fully the equal of any professional skipper in England, the proof of which he repeatedly has given while sailing against them in various yachts he has owned, notably with the nineteen meter Octavia in 1911, when he finished the season at the top of the class."

"Of course," Sir Thomas pointed out, "Burton will have the benefit of a professional skipper throughout the races—two if he wants them—and Nicholson, the Shamrock's designer, who is in the front rank of amateur yachtsmen, will also sail on the challenger. Nicholson shares my high opinion of Burton."

"So far as the races are concerned," Sir Thomas said in conclusion, "I shall simply foot the bills and let Burton do the rest."

HE'S A TURNIP ALCHEMIST.

Idaho Man Promises Steel and Gems For Vegetables.

William J. McLaughlin of Camas, Ida., when arrested in Cincinnati declared he had perfected an invention to make steel rails and ties from turnips and opals from radishes.

McLaughlin, who called himself a chemist, said the radishes from which the opals were made could be grown only in Germany. He had the sole American rights for an English concern with a capital of \$1,000,000, he said. He was arrested on suspicion until an investigation into alleged stock selling by him could be made.

To the police McLaughlin said he came to Cincinnati to close a deal to take over the Cincinnati Reduction company and convert city garbage into railroads and buildings. When arrested he had several suit cases full of pulverized radishes and turnips.

PLAN TILDEN CELEBRATION.

Committee Appointed to Arrange For Centenary Observance.

Governor Sulzer of New York has appointed the following as a commission to arrange for the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Samuel J. Tilden, on Feb. 9, 1814:

Herman Ridder, Ralph Pulitzer, Alfred E. Henschel, Charles R. Miller, George Wilson Smith, Augustus Thomas and Talcott Williams. The governor recently signed a bill appropriating \$10,000 for the celebration.

ARIEL.

Ariel, June 21.—Talk about your high cost of living. The price of beef, pork and mutton is certainly high but the price that John Myer and Constable Swingle received for six chickens knocks that all in the shade. Saturday night four fellows who love chicken dinner for Sunday and knowing the high price of chicken, decided to help themselves; so after going to Canaan to Jack Benham's and getting something in the way of a nerve stealer, they came back to Varden and called at the chicken house of John Myer. Finding the door locked and gaining no admittance they tore off the window screen and captured six nice birds. When Mr. Myer went out to feed his chicks Sunday morning he saw the coop lock had been tampered with, the screen torn off and six chicks gone, but where and by whom, that was the question. Well, he called up Constable Swingle and sent him to answer it. Sunday was a hot day, and so was Monday, but you can bet that Swingle made it hotter for the chicken thieves with the result that three of the chicks roosted in their own coop Monday night, while the boys paid fifty dollars for the three they ate for Sunday dinner. How is that for high cost of living?

LOOKOUT.

Lookout, June 21.—John W. Cole died at his home at this place Monday night after a five days' illness of pneumonia. He is survived by his wife and one son, Lynn, also his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter H. Cole. The family have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community in their bereavement.

Children's Day was duly observed at the church last Sunday morning. Much credit is due the ladies for the untiring efforts they put forth to make it a success.

Ezra Maudsley recently visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Maudsley.

Mrs. Lewis Schweighofer and sons, Ward and Clarence, Mrs. Montington and son, Floyd, of West Damascus, Mrs. James Blair, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baldwin and son of Girland, attended the Children's Day exercises at this place.

Coe Young with his daughter and aunt of Stalker visited at J. R. Maudsley's on Monday last.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Lester and son Neal spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Warner Lester at Seelyville.

L. L. Teeple recently purchased a Ford runabout.

Mrs. George Blum, son Albert and daughter Ethel, are visiting at G. F. Kellam's.

COLD SPRING.

Cold Spring, June 21.—Services are being held in the Cold Spring church in the afternoon during the month of June.

A girl came to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew LeStrange Friday, June 13th.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Dein, son Clarence, and daughter Harriet, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Bassett of Honesdale, came up in Mr. Dein's car and spent Friday evening at J. B. McGovern's.

Robert Kennedy spent last week in Honesdale, serving as a grand juror.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clauson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dunning and daughters came from Honesdale Sunday morning in their cars and spent the day at the Upper Woods Lake.

John Caffery, of Scranton, was a business caller here Monday and Tuesday.

FARM HORSE STOLEN.

Charles D. Marble, of South Oxford, found one of his horses missing from the pasture on the McNitt farm Thursday morning, indications pointing to its being a clean case of horse stealing. The animal was a bay horse valued at over \$100.

Later it was learned that a road wagon, harness and laprobe had been taken from the barn of F. J. Wessell at the Andrew Odds farm about a mile north of the McNitt farm. Suspicious rest on certain parties who may have driven the horse into Pennsylvania.

This is the first case of horse stealing in this town in a great many years. The last one if we correctly remember, was also in the vicinity of South Oxford.

Clayton Wood and Archie Cascart were arrested in Dneonta with an outfit supposed to be the lost property.—Oxford Record.

AMBER FOR HAY FEVER.

The following answer to a correspondent to the New York Sun may be of some help to our readers. We reproduce it as written:

To the Editor of The Sun—Sir: Referring to your mention of amber as a medicine, I met a man last winter who had been cured of severe hay fever by wearing a necklace of amber beads next the skin. He reported cures of several friends by the same treatment. A child that wears amber beads never has croup is an old saying. Some of your readers may like to try this treatment for hay fever.

New York, May 31. A. F. M.

ELECTROCUTION SUCCEEDS HANGING.

Governor Tener has signed the Hess electrocution bill. The death penalty upon all first degree murders hereafter will be by electrocution instead of hanging. The bill provides that the executions shall take place in the new western penitentiary now being erected in Centre county and carries an appropriation of \$50,000 for the purpose of immediately erecting a suitable building and equipping it.

Before you start on your vacation see that you are supplied with some Neura Powders for Headache. 10 and 25 cents. Sold everywhere.

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Foster's Weather Bulletin

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WASHINGTON, D. C., June 21.—Last bulletin gave forecasts of disturbances to cross continent June 16 to 20 and 22 to 26, warm waves 15 to 19 and 21 to 25, cool waves 18 to 22 and 24 to 28. About normal weather is expected to prevail during the two weeks covered by these two disturbances. No important weather event is in sight for that period and as a natural consequence less than usual rain is expected, leaving some sections with a shortage in moisture.

Relative to the normal temperatures a considerable fall was expected from June 12 to 27, but this would not mean an actual fall, because, as every one knows, the normal temperatures rise from about Jan. 15 to about July 15. Some people who have no thinking machines misunderstood our chart temperature forecasts for May. We are compelled to use the straight, treble line in the monthly charts to represent normal temperatures but every thoughtful person well knows that normal temperatures go up about ten degrees a month from Jan. to July and down as much from July to Jan. When reading our monthly charts those well known facts should not be forgotten.

Next disturbance will reach Pacific coast about June 27, cross Pacific slope by close of 28th, great central valleys 29th to July 1st, eastern sections July 2. Warm wave will cross Pacific slope about June 27, great central valleys 29, eastern sections July 1. Cool wave will cross Pacific slope about June 30, great central valleys July 2, eastern sections July 4th.

This disturbance covers time so close to the great storm period that it is difficult to determine its character. All weather features will be radical, of greater than usual force, but we have placed July 5 as the center and most extreme part of this great storm period. July 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be days of greatest stress. But where will these storms break? If we have the lows placed correctly one of them will be on the Atlantic coast July 3 and that storm will be at its greatest intensity on the Atlantic coast and for several days it will continue as a furious storm out on the north Atlantic.

Next disturbance will reach Pacific coast about July 3, cross Pacific slope by close of 4th, great central valleys 5th to 7th, eastern sections 8th. Warm wave will cross Pacific slope about July 3rd, great central valleys 5th, eastern sections 7th. Cool wave will cross Pacific slope about July 6th, great central valleys 8th, eastern sections 10th.

This will be a furious storm for ten days—July 3 to 13—from just before it strikes our western coasts till it strikes the western coasts of Europe. Human lives, live stock, water craft and other property will be destroyed in that great disturbance.

MAYORS NOT TO SUCCEED THEMSELVES.

Governor Tener has announced his veto of the Geary house bill which would allow mayors of second-class cities to succeed themselves. The bill would affect Pittsburgh and Scranton only.

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