

SHOT SELF TO DEATH

E. P. CUMMINGS, HEAD OF MICHIGAN SCHOOLS, ENDS LIFE AS BROTHER DRINKS POISON.

COMMITTS DEED AT CHICAGO

Nothing Found by Police to Indicate Suicide Compact—Shot Once Before—Believed His Case Was Hopeless—Wrote Two Letters.

Chicago, April 3.—Edward P. Cummings, superintendent of schools of Lansing, Mich., shot himself to death in the Stratford hotel here.

Nothing has been found to indicate a suicide compact. Police and relatives believe neither brother knew of the other's act.

E. P. Cummings, who until last November was president of the State Teachers' association of Michigan, feared he was losing his mind.

It is said that for many months Mr. Cummings has been under a severe nervous strain.

Mr. Cummings had been at Daytona Beach for two months in an effort to recuperate, following injuries received when he shot himself last December.

Doctor Cummings swallowed the poison while recovering from injuries sustained recently when he slashed his wrists with a knife.

Cummings registered at the hotel as "R. S. Brown, Detroit."

He left two letters—one to his widow and the other to Mr. Seagrave. In them he said he killed himself because he "didn't want to become a burden to his family and the state."

FRENCH DRIVEN FROM TOWN

Germans Capture Strong Position at Malancourt—Another Town Is Menaced—Paris Admits Loss.

London, April 3.—The crown prince has resumed his great drive on Verdun with furious attacks on both sides of the River Meuse.

The strongly fortified village of Malancourt, ten miles northwest of Verdun, was captured by the Germans on Thursday night.

Three heavy German infantry attacks were preceded by a terrific bombardment from German batteries on the heights surrounding the town.

The French hold on the village of Bethincourt, two miles east of Malancourt, is seriously threatened by the capture of Malancourt.

French experts estimate that the Germans have lost 20,000 men in the renewal of the struggle about Verdun.

Paris, April 3.—French troops have evacuated the ruined village of Malancourt the war office announced on Thursday.

The Germans drove the French out of the village at night, attacking heavily three times after a violent bombardment.

In massed attacks the enemy advanced on Malancourt, attacking in three different places. After a terrible struggle, raging for several hours, the French advance guard battalion evacuated, having inflicted heavy losses on the enemy.

299 ARE SAVED FROM SHIP

Liner Chiyo Maru Grounded in Fog on One of the Loma Islands South of Hongkong.

Shanghai, April 3.—The large trans-Pacific passenger liner Chiyo Maru grounded in a fog on one of the Loma islands, south of Hongkong.

Begin Suit to Bar Liquor.

Butler, Mo., April 3.—Injunction suits have been filed here by prosecuting Attorney DeWitt C. Chastain, seeking to prevent three railroads from transporting intoxicating liquors into the county.

Forty-Five British Sailors Drown.

London, April 3.—Forty-five sailors of the British cruiser Conquest were drowned through the capsizing of a cutter during a gale, it was officially announced.

WILL THE DOVE GET A LOOK-IN



WAITE KILLED PECKS 27 KILLED IN WRECK

DECLARES "MAN FROM EGYPT" MADE HIM DO IT.

Dentist Says He Gave Both Victims Germs and Fed Poison Also to Father-in-Law.

New York, March 30.—Dr. Arthur Warren Waite confessed on Tuesday that he killed his mother-in-law, Mrs. Hannah Peck, with disease germs and murdered his father-in-law, John E. Peck, with arsenic.

In making the confession he laid the groundwork for his defense on the plea of mental irresponsibility.

The essential part of the dentist's confession was made to District Attorney Swann and Assistant District Attorney Mancuso and Brothers in the presence of former Assistant Attorney Walter R. Deuel, who has been engaged as counsel for Doctor Waite.

The lawyers walked into the private room of the alcoholic ward, to which Doctor Waite had been removed, and found the man lying on a bed rubbing his hand across his forehead, seemingly in a shaken and uncertain condition.

"Don't you remember me?" asked Mr. Brothers. "You talked to me last Friday."

"Did I?" asked Doctor Waite. There was a moment's pause before Doctor Waite spoke again.

"Oh, but that doesn't matter," he said. "It's all over now. I did it all. I killed Mrs. Peck and Mr. Peck. The man from Egypt made me do it. He was after me for a long time. I couldn't shake him off. I wasn't able to get rid of him until last night."

By "Clara" Doctor Waite meant his wife, who is now in Grand Rapids.

Representatives of the district attorney's office are searching for the undertaker who embalmed the body of Peck. Mr. Swann declared Waite had told him that he had made an agreement with the undertaker that for a consideration of \$9,000 the latter would testify that he had used arsenic in the fluid with which he embalmed Peck's body.

Earlier in the day Doctor Waite talked freely to his brother and Raymond C. Schindler, the private detective employed by the Peck family.

More Airships for Mexico.

San Diego, Cal., March 30.—Capt. V. Clark, aeronautical engineer of the signal corps aviation school here, and Lieut. Thomas DeWitt Milling, junior military aviator and instructor in flying, have received instructions to proceed to Washington to inspect, purchase and test a number of new aeroplanes to be sent to the expeditionary forces operating in Mexico.

Pullman Shops Strike Ends.

Chicago, April 1.—Five hundred strikers of the Pullman car works, who struck two weeks ago for an increase in wages from 20 to 25 cents an hour, returned to work.

Train Robbers Take Mail.

Shreveport, La., April 1.—Robbers boarded Texas & Pacific mail train No. 23 at the station here as it was pulling out. They bound two mail clerks and took two pouches of registered mail.

THREE FAST TRAINS IN CRASH IN OHIO.

Rear Collision Between Two East-Bound Trains Sideswiped by West-Bound Twentieth Century Limited.

Cleveland, O., March 31.—State, federal and railroad investigation of the double wreck on Wednesday on the Lake Shore railroad at Amherst, O., near here, which cost the lives of fully twenty-seven persons and injured forty, was begun here.

Railroad officers declare the blame for the crash which piled up the Twentieth Century flyer and two other crack Lake Shore passenger trains into a tangled heap of junk probably will be shared by two railroad employees.

The railroad company, in an official statement explaining the wreck, declared the first section of train No. 86, after stopping at the interlocking tower at Amherst, had started ahead at five or ten miles an hour. The second section ran into the first. Two rear cars of the first section fell over on the west-bound track just as the Twentieth Century Limited, bound for Chicago, was approaching.

CHAIN OF AERO RELAYS

American Army Aviators Establish New System to Expedite Work.

Field Headquarters American Punitive Expedition, Colonia Dublin, by Motor to Columbus, N. M., April 1.—A complete chain of aviation relays from the American border to the front has been established.

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES

Paris, April 1.—The Russian hospital ship Portugal has been torpedoed and sunk. There were many wounded soldiers on board at the time.

Berne, Switzerland, April 1.—Two aeroplanes of unknown nationality, dropped five large bombs at dawn this morning on the Swiss village of Porrentruy, near the French frontier. Some damage to property was caused.

London, April 1.—Two thousand munition workers are now on strike in the government gun factories in the Clyde district and reports from Glasgow said the labor troubles threatened to spread. Less than 400 strikers have returned to work in spite of the pressure of union leaders.

Planes for Big Warships.

Seattle, April 3.—The Puget sound navy yard has been informed that all large war vessels will carry aeroplanes and equipment for launching them. Orders have been received to build launching ways on the dock.

Quake Shocks Recorded.

Washington, April 3.—The seismograph at Georgetown university recorded severe earthquake shocks lasting almost an hour. It was estimated that the quake took place some 3,300 miles from Washington.

PLEDGES VIOLATED

CRISIS MAY NOT YET BE ENDED.

CONSERVATIVE SIDE IS SEEN

Less of Speculation Seen, Although Business is Increasing—Must Have Positive Proof in Matter.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Washington.—The German government has informed Ambassador Gerard that it is without official information concerning the explosions which damaged the British channel steamer Sussex and sunk the British horse ship Englishman, both of which were carrying American citizens.

Must Be Positive Proof.

Washington.—President Wilson and his cabinet have discussed the evidence thus far received by the state department in the cases of recent disasters of merchant ships carrying American citizens.

CONSERVATIVE SIDE IS SEEN

Business Still on the Bulge, but Less of Speculation.

New York.—Dun's review for last week says:

It is reassuring at a time of unprecedented business activity that conservatism is increasing rather than diminishing. Confidence is widespread in the continuance of record breaking achievements in production and distribution, but there is now a more general disposition to avoid speculative excesses and to guard against over extension in any quarter.

Zeppelins Raid English Coast.

London.—The coast of Scotland and the northern and southern counties of England were attacked by Zeppelins Sunday night, according to an official announcement by the secretary of war.

Captures Steamer Single Handed.

Lewes, Del.—Ernest Schuler, a German, held up the captain of the British steamer Matoppo, shortly after the vessel passed Sandy Hook, bound from New York for Vladivostok, with a cargo of munitions and war material.

Berlin.—James W. Gerard, the American ambassador has presented to the foreign office his government's request for information as to whether any German submarine had torpedoed the cross channel steamer Sussex or the British horse ship Englishman.

The answer, according to the Overseas News agency, will be delayed for some time in order to allow the naval authorities to make the necessary investigations.

STATE'S OCCUPATION TAX

Agriculture Not Only Source of Nebraska's Wealth.

After looking over the corporation tax records of his office, Secretary of State Pool is convinced that Nebraska does not depend for its wealth upon agriculture alone.

Mr. Pool does not think these corporations would report more investment than they actually have in Nebraska, since they have to pay tax on all capital employed in business in this state.

As insurance companies, express companies and some others are exempt from the occupation tax law, the secretary of state figures that the total investment of corporations in Nebraska is at least a billion dollars.

Clean Up and Stay Clean.

Clean up and keep clean is the gist of a statement made by Dr. H. B. Cummins, secretary of the board of secretaries of the state board of health. Dr. Cummins has watched with interest proclamations by the governor for a clean up week.

Ballots Must Show Affiliation.

Names of men who are democrats cannot appear upon republican ballots, neither can republican names appear upon democratic ballots.

The action followed the protest of Chairman Corrick of the bull moose state committee against the decoration of the ballots of his party with both republican and democratic names.

Public School Gardens for Nebraska.

Twenty-two towns in Nebraska will conduct public school gardens this summer, similar to those arranged last season in cooperation with the agricultural extension service of the College of Agriculture.

The board of educational lands and funds approved reappraisal of state lands in Logan and Thomas counties for rental or leasing purposes.

The rental price in Logan county was raised from an average of 3.8 cents an acre to 6 1/2 cents an acre. In Thomas county the rental price was raised from 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 cents an acre.

Secretary of State Pool has ordered another 10,000 automobile number plates in addition to the 70,000 he purchased for the current year.

He has only about 7,000 of the first lot still on hand, and it is apparent that more will be needed, as applications for licenses are still coming in at a rapid rate.

Sass Assumes Duties.

President J. A. Ollis and Secretary W. R. Mellor, of the state board of agriculture, accompanied Jacob Sass, the newly elected treasurer of that body, to Seward on Monday to check him in.

Grip Still Hanging On?

Back aches? Stomach sensitive? A little cough? No strength? Tired easily? All after effects of this dread malady. Yes, they are catarrhal. Grip is a catarrhal disease.

You Need PERUNA

It's the one tonic for the after effects of grip, because it is a catarrhal treatment of proved excellence. Take it to clear away all the effects of grip.

Perhaps one or more of your friends have found it valuable. Thousands of people in every state have, and have told us of it.

Prepared also in tablet form for your convenience. The Peruna Company, Columbus, Ohio

Constipation Vanishes Forever

Prompt Relief—Permanent Cure

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS never fail. Purely vegetable—act surely but gently on the liver.

Stop after dinner—cure indigestion, improve the complexion, brighten the eyes. SMALL PILL, SMALL DOSE, SMALL PRICE. Genuine must bear Signature

Strange signs frequently hang from ships which puzzle even dwellers in seaport towns to guess the meaning of.

STRANGE SIGNS ON SHIPS

Have Little Meaning to the Uninitiated, But Are Plainly Understood by Sailors.

Occasionally a dark blue stripe may be seen running fore and aft on a vessel; as a matter of fact, this is a sign of recent bereavement.

It is not at all difficult for a man to have the patience of Job—if the bolts are on his neighbor.

A neutral is a man who tries to get on both sides of a fence at once.

WISE HOSTESS Won Her Guests to Postum.

"Three great coffee drinkers were my old school friend and her two daughters.

"They were always complaining and taking medicine. I determined to give them Postum instead of coffee when they visited me, so without saying anything to them about it, I made a big pot of Postum the first morning.

"Before the meal was half over, each one passed up her cup to be refilled, remarking how fine the 'coffee' was. The mother asked for a third cup and inquired as to the brand of coffee I used.

"I didn't answer her question just then, for I heard her say a while before that she didn't like Postum unless it was more than half coffee.

"After breakfast I told her that the 'coffee' she liked so well at breakfast was pure Postum, and the reason she liked it was because it was properly made.

"I have been brought up from a nervous, wretched invalid, to a fine condition of physical health by leaving off coffee and using Postum.

"I am doing all I can to help the world from coffee slavery to Postum freedom, and have earned the gratitude of many, many friends." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Postum comes in two forms: Postum Cereal—the original form—must be well boiled. 15c and 25c pkgs.

Instant Postum—a soluble powder—dissolves quickly in a cup of hot water, and, with cream and sugar, makes a delicious beverage instantly. 30c and 50c tins.

Both forms are equally delicious and cost about the same per cup. "There's a Reason" for Postum. —sold by Grocers.