

## COMMITTS SUICIDE

N. S. AYERS AT ALBION SHOTS HIMSELF IN BREAST

### He Had Financial Troubles

Wrote a Note Explaining the Reason and Declaring Himself Innocent of a Charge Which Was Brought Against Him at Albion

ALBION, Neb.—N. S. Ayers, a young unmarried man, living in the western part of the city, was found dead in his room with a revolver by side. The following unadorned note was found which to a certain extent explains the reason for taking his life:

"I am going to kill myself for I have had more trouble than I can stand and was not guilty for the canvas that we were arrested for today, but pleaded guilty so as to get the thing settled and so I could get back to my horses. Yours truly,  
N. S. AYERS."

It appears that the deceased and one other man had been arrested and had plead guilty to stealing a canvas may cover. When arrested they were on the way, it is alleged to the south part of the state, having with them horses of the deceased that he had mortgaged some time previous. The parties holding the mortgage began an investigation and were promised that matters would be fixed up satisfactorily to them in the morning. Upon two of the creditors calling at Ayers' home they found the door open and the body as above indicated. The deceased was a member of the Royal Highlanders and the National Burial association. He shot himself in the breast.

#### Not Permitted to See Son

NEW YORK.—Mrs. William Thaw was prohibited by the prison rules from visiting her son Harry K. Thaw in the Tombs, but it was announced she will see him some time soon. Mrs. Thaw returned from Europe recently. She is stopping at the Hotel Lorraine, where Mrs. Nesbit-Thaw, her daughter-in-law has been making her home since Harry Thaw was arrested.

There was a conference in the elder Mrs. Thaw's apartments at which Clifford W. Hartridge, who has become chief counsel to the prisoner since the latter's unexpected dismissal of the law firm of Black, Olcott, Gruber & Bonyng, was present. Mr. Hartridge declined afterward to say what changes, if any, were contemplated in the line of defense.

#### Posses Hunt for Murderer

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—J. McPherson is a fugitive from justice, charged with the murder of Grant Smith, a former merchant of this city and the fatal wounding of Deputy Sheriff William Walker, who attempted to arrest him. Two posses are in pursuit of him. McPherson shot and killed Smith in the house of Nettie Hall, apparently without provocation. McPherson was accompanied by his father, Dr. Buck McPherson, and the two fled in a buggy toward the mountains. Deputy Sheriff Walker pursued the McPhersons and demanded the surrender of young McPherson, who shot him through the lung. Walker will die. Young McPherson continued into the mountains, while his father returned here, surrendered and is now in jail.

#### Drowned in Lake Manawa

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia.—Ollie Jensen, a young man of about nineteen years, was drowned in Lake Manawa as the result of his ambition to make a balloon ascension. The lad had for weeks importuned Thomas Andrews, who is under contract with the management of the resort to make an ascension each day, to permit him to go up in the balloon and Andrews consented on the assurance that Jensen was a good swimmer.

It was agreed that Andrews would fire a revolver as a signal to Jensen to cut loose the parachute. For some reason the revolver did not go off, and the balloon began to descend over the lake. Boats put out to follow the balloon, but no one had any thought that anything was wrong until the boy reached the water and screamed for help. Before boats could reach him he had sunk out of sight. It was two hours before his body was recovered.

Jensen was employed as driver of a delivery wagon for a local grocery firm. His parents reside in Underwood, Ia.

## HAS NOTHING TO SAY

DEFENSE OF HARRY THAW IN HIS HANDS NO LONGER

Plea of Insanity Likely to be Followed Under the New Arrangement—Affecting Meeting at Tombs

NEW YORK.—Immediately following her interview with her son Harry K. Thaw, in the Tombs Mrs. William Thaw assumed full charge of the defense, and arranged to retain the services as counsel of the firm of Black, Olcott & Bonyng, who were dismissed by young Thaw, a few days ago. This action is taken to mean that Harry Thaw's desires and opinions regarding the defense will be ignored and that reliance will be placed on the plea of insanity, insistence on which by Mr. Olcott resulted in the rupture between himself and his client. Whether an application will be made for the appointment of a committee on lunacy to determine Thaw's mental condition will probably be determined at a conference to be held by Mrs. Thaw and the counsel.

The meeting between Mrs. Thaw and her son at the Tombs was an affecting one. After the first greeting they were left alone together to converse through the bars of the cell for half an hour.

#### Wife in the Background

During the interview the prisoner's wife stood in silence in the corridor a few feet away from the cell door waiting her turn to speak with her husband. No words were exchanged between Mrs. Thaw and her daughter-in-law.

From the Tombs Mrs. Thaw was driven directly to the office of Lewis J. Delafield, where arrangements were made for Olcott's firm to resume charge of the case. When a note was sent to Harry Thaw asking whether he concurred in the new arrangements the reply returned was:

"Mr. Thaw hasn't anything to say."

Mrs. Thaw accompanied by her son Josiah, and her son-in-law, William Carnegie, went to the latter's county seat in Roslyn, Long Island.

Mrs. Thaw's arrival at the Tombs was preceded by that of Harry Thaw's wife, Evelyn, but the latter, upon ascertaining that Mrs. William Thaw had not yet visited the Tombs, declared that she desired her husband's mother to have the first opportunity of seeing the prisoner. The younger Mrs. Thaw when retired to the consulting room to await Mrs. Thaw's arrival.

#### Refuse to Make Concessions

Before Mrs. William Thaw reached the prison her son's new counsel, Clifford W. Hartridge, called on Francis J. Lantry, the commissioner of corrections, and endeavored to make arrangements so that Mrs. Thaw could meet her son in the consulting room at the Tombs, instead of talking with him through the bars of the cell, but Mr. Lantry instructed the warden that he could make no exceptions to the prison rules in Mrs. Thaw's case.

The mother reached the prison shortly before noon. In the meantime a large crowd had gathered about the entrance to the prison. When her cab stopped at the door the bystanders pressed forward so closely that the police had difficulty in making a line through to permit Mrs. Thaw to pass into the prison.

Mrs. Thaw was met at the door by the prison warden who told her in an apologetic way that it would be necessary for her to comply with the prison rule that visitors must be searched. Mrs. Thaw then retired to the room of the Tombs matron, where the rule was complied with. The warden, Josiah C. Thaw and Mr. Peabody escorted her to the corridor, where Harry Thaw's cell is located, and then withdrew after she had thanked them. Mrs. Thaw then made her way alone to cell No. 220 and greeted her son for the first time since he shot Stanford White.

#### Two Women do not Speak

As Mrs. Thaw left the cell of her son it was seen that her daughter-in-law had left the consulting room and gone to the cell of her husband. When the young wife saw the mother approaching she slowly backed away from the cell to a spot some fifteen feet down the corridor. There was no sign of recognition between the two women.

#### Crowd Blocks the Passage

The largest crowd since Thaw was first taken to the Tombs had assembled in the street outside and the police made a narrow passageway through it for Mrs. Thaw to reach her carriage.

## NEBRASKA NOTES

A fine new pipe organ has been installed in the Catholic church in West Point.

R. S. Coupe, a prominent farmer living north of Falls City, broke the big toe on his right foot while at work on his farm. The toe may have to be amputated.

S. R. Wells, a well known farmer residing a short distance west of Humboldt sustained a broken nose as the result of a blow from the front hoof of a horse he was doctoring.

The corner stone for the new German Lutheran church at Leigh has been laid. A large congregation was present and impressive services were held. The new structure will cost about \$8,000 when completed.

Sheriff McEvoy, of Papillion, in making the arrest of John J. Curran near Chalco, had to shoot the man before he would surrender. The sheriff took him back to Papillion, charged with house breaking.

While driving to Plattsmouth a team became frightened and ran away and the occupants of the rig were thrown from the vehicle and Mrs. Horn of Plattsmouth was quite badly bruised, but it is thought not seriously. As she is 70 years of age it will be some time before she fully recovers from the injury.

Edward, the 6-year-old son of Fred Lampe, a farmer living several miles north of Humboldt, had his right hand mashed in a pulley, and will likely lose three fingers. The other hand was also badly bruised, but none of the hurts are believed to be dangerous.

George Mackey was drowned in a slough near Tilden. He with four others was fishing, when he stepped into a hole about seven feet deep, and never came to the surface until his body was recovered two hours later. He was the son of the Mackey who recently killed his wife and committed suicide near Fairbury.

Bert Robbins and Harry Dole of Beatrice, recently left for Manhattan, Kas., going in a canoe. They took with them plenty of food stuffs and other supplies, and on the trip they will make an exhaustive research for minerals. Upon their arrival at Manhattan they will return by rail with the boat.

Henry Fassold, janitor of the Klein block, at Beatrice, reported to the officers that some time during the day his three children, two sons and a daughter, took \$15 from his home and disappeared. At last reports no trace of them had been found, and the supposition is that they have gone to Barneston, where their mother is living, she having left Mr. Fassold about two years ago.

O. L. Gregory, the Kentucky vinegar man, was in Nebraska City and leased the old Dulleny Plow Works, west of the Cereal mills where he will establish a vinegar factory, and men were put to work making necessary repairs and changes to the building. When the repairs are complete the machinery will be installed and the factory will be in operation by September 1.

A couple of fellows tried to ride on the Los Angeles limited between Columbus and Omaha without putting up the usual fare and the brakeman undertook to put them off, which caused a scrap, so the brakeman plumped one of them on the side of the head with a lump of coal and got them off. They were arrested and taken to Fremont.

H. H. Rye of Gordon, meet with a serious accident. While out driving with his wife and daughter the team kicked over the traces and ran away, throwing the occupants out of the buggy and breaking Mr. Rye's leg above the ankle and his daughter's arm near the wrist. His wife escaped serious injury. Mr. Rye has had both legs broken once before and this makes the third time this leg has been broken.

The Picard brothers of Geneva, are having a brick block built north of the Signal building which will form two large store rooms one of which will be occupied by the postoffice.

Blackberries are more plentiful this year than usual. They are ripening rapidly. Tame ones are coming to market and sell slowly at 5c per quart. The timber near Bulo is full of wild ones. Women and children are securing the woods in nearly every direction and good pickers soon come home with all they wish to carry of the fine health giving fruit.

## WARD DOGS IN LEASH

OMAHA MAN SAYS GUATEMALA PICKED QUARREL

### VIOLATION IS PRETEXT

OPPORTUNITY FOR MAKING ATTACK HAS LONG BEEN SOUGHT

Salvador Agents Heard American Warship at Acapulco and it Will Proceed to San Jose for Representatives

WASHINGTON.—The armistice between the warring central American republics has gone into effect.

Mr. Munoz, the Guatemalan minister, called at the state department and announced that he has been advised by his government of the selection of three commissioners and a secretary to represent Guatemala at the peace conference. They will go to San Jose, Guatemala, in time to board the Marblehead, which is expected to reach there soon.

The Guatemalan minister Mr. Munoz, is much annoyed by reports from Salvadorean points that Guatemala continued fighting after it had agreed to cease hostilities.

Such stories are absolutely without foundation, he said.

President Escalon's special representative, American Consul General John Jenkins, has arrived in Washington from Salvador and has been in consultation with Assistant Secretary of State Bacon, respecting the reestablishment of peace between the hostile Central American republics. Mr. Jenkins though an American official, was requested to come to Washington when it appeared that Guatemala was about to invade Salvador in retaliation for the alleged violations of neutrality by the country. The pith of Jenkins' statements in this case is understood to be that Guatemala has for a long time past been intent on picking a quarrel with Salvador and has now seized on this pretext for the attack.

#### Salvador's Envoy Hostile

Senor Jose Rose Pacas, whom President Escalon appointed to come to the United States and present Salvador's side of the Central American dispute to his government previous to the serious battles between Guatemalan and Salvadorean troops, is the Salvadorean minister of interior and attracted much attention in 1902 by denouncing Chief Justice Henry Strong and M. Dickinson, with whom he met in Washington to arbitrate the claim of the Salvadorean Commercial company against Salvador.

It is now rumored that Senor Pacas may be named by Salvador to represent it at the conference to be held on the United States cruiser Marblehead for the purpose of adjusting the disputes which has involved Honduras, Salvador and Guatemala. This rumor has caused much comment in diplomatic circles, because of the notoriety Senor Pacas attained by his conduct after the announcement of an unfavorable award of the Salvadoreans company case. In that case the American company sought to recover from Salvador \$500,000 for it suffered as the result of the seizure by the government of harbor improvements the corporation had made at one of the Salvadorean ports.

After long dispute the case was submitted to arbitration in Washington, Senor Pacas representing Salvador, Chief Justice Strong as the neutral member of the commission and Mr. Dickinson as the American representative.

#### Thaw Injunction Goes Over

NEW YORK.—Thaw spent a restless night in the Tombs and in the morning showed marked irritability and nervousness. It is believed what he had read in the newspapers of the conflict of counsel, those retained by his mother and those retained by himself for personal reasons had upset him.

The prisoner's mother, accompanied by his sister, Mrs. George L. Carnegie, visited Thaw at the Tombs again. On their arrival Thaw lost the air of excitement he had worn in the early morning.

It was reported about the Tombs that Mrs. Thaw reproached her son for dismissing Olcott and insisted that he should continue to act as Thaw's counsel and that a stormy interview resulted. Thaw maintained that he acted wisely in the dismissal.

Shortly after noon Mrs. William Thaw returned to the Tombs. In an agitated manner she begged the warden for permission to visit her son again, repeatedly declaring that it was of the utmost importance.

## WAS AN EFFORT TO KILL

JEALOUS MAN AT NEBRASKA CITY SHOTS GIRL AND SELF

Man Not Expected to Live. Fearful Wound in Head, With Victim in Bad Way—Author Was Son of Rich Man

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb.—Great excitement was occasioned in and about the Morton house when a woman was heard pleading in one of the upper rooms in the servant's quarters and a scream for help was followed by two shots. Officers were called and found the door of the room locked. They broke it open and found Charles Norris, the night clerk of the hotel, fully dressed lying in a pool of blood on the floor, with a bullet hole through the side of the head, and Miss Pearl Crouse, one of the dining room girls, lying on the bed partly disrobed and blood streaming from a hole in her forehead.

From what can be learned Norris, who came here about a month ago, met the girl and became infatuated with her. He gave up his job with a carnival company and remained here. The girl was then working as a domestic with a private family. He secured a place for her as dining room girl at the hotel and afterwards he was given the position as night clerk. He was twenty-two years of age and the girl sixteen. They were both together a great deal on the streets and he was insanely jealous.

He called the girl into her room and after making her partly disrobe shot her in the forehead, and thinking she was dead planted the revolver to his head and discharged it, blowing a large hole in the side, from which blood and brains gushed. Norris' parents are wealthy landowners near Plattsburg, Mo. The parents of the girl reside at Rockport, Mo. and are poor.

#### Norris Was Married Man

The body of Norris is in charge of the undertaker. It will be shipped to Plattsburg, Mo. It has developed that the dead man is married and his wife resides near his old home in Missouri. He was the prodigal son of the family and his parents were unable to do anything with him. The girl is still alive and it is thought she may recover. She is shot just back of the right eye and the ball is still in her head. It is said by Dr. Marnell, who is in charge of the case, that she will most likely lose her eye. If she recovers from the wound, Norris prior to committing the deed wrote the following letter:

"Nebraska City—Dear mother I hope you will forgive me as I am doing this over a girl that I love and she has done me dirty bury me by my grand-father

Notify Allen Norris, Plattsburg, Mo. Frank."

The girl's parents are here to look after her. She is still in the room, at the hotel where she was shot, and will remain there until she is able to be taken to her home at Rockport, Mo.

#### Stoessel Should Be Shot

ST. PETERSBURG.—The commission appointed to investigate the surrender of Port Arthur has finished its labors and recommends that Lieutenant General Stoessel, the former commander of the Russian forces at Port Arthur, be dismissed from the army and shot; that Lieutenant General Fock, who commanded the Fourth East Siberian division at Port Arthur be dismissed from the army and undergo a year's hard labor; that General Reiss, chief of staff of General Stoessel, be dismissed and banished, and that Admiral Alexieff, former viceroi in the far east, Lieutenant General Smirnov, commander of the Port Arthur fortress, and General Vernander be reprimanded. The formal trial of these officers will take place shortly.

#### Ware Appeal Soon Ready

OMAHA, Neb.—The printed record in the appeal case of Rev. George G. Ware, has not yet been completed, but will be in a few days. The final decision on the appeal to the United States court of appeals is now liable to be handed down within a few weeks.

Ware was convicted of conspiracy in securing fraudulent filing on certain lands within the U. B. I. Land and Cattle company's enclosure, to one year in the Douglas county jail and to pay a fine of \$1,000. Mr. Ware was denied a motion for a new trial and took the case on appeal to the United States circuit court of appeals.