

ROADS ARE WORTH \$27,000 A MILE

Minnesota Investigating Committee Squeezes Out Considerable Water.

St. Paul, Minn., April 24.—Railroad property in Minnesota is valued at \$215,000,000 by the Sundberg investigating committee which returned its report to the state senate yesterday. This is approximately \$27,000 a mile. The property is capitalized to the extent of \$400,000,000 or \$50,000 a mile on an average. The net earnings according to the committee's findings averaged over \$5,000 a mile last year, or 18 per cent. on the committee's valuation.

The report says that to arrive at the cost of reproducing and equipping the different lines in their present condition, the committee considered the original cost of construction; the cost of improvements; betterments and equipment added since; the cost and character of the lines recently built; the expense of operating and the earnings under existing rates; value of stock and bonds; the geography of the line and the judgment displayed in its location.

Referring to the Chicago Great Western, the report says: "This road was built by A. B. Stickney, who raised the funds by acquiring, organizing, reorganizing and harmonizing corporations of Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois."

The capital stock and funded debt of the road is \$143,668 per mile and the committee finds it is valued at about one-fifth that, or \$28,000 a mile. In its last report, the committee certifies that the line and equipment cost \$98,011 per mile.

Referring to the fact that in 1893 there was reported for "purchase of constructed road" \$6,317,191.52, the committee says "it was then \$15 miles long. Fifteen years later this classic item had been stretched to \$50,594,344.28, but the whole line had shrunk sixty miles in length. It had been watered too much."

MILLIONAIRE A SUICIDE; BRIBERY FAILS

New York, April 24.—Benedict Gimbel, the Philadelphia millionaire merchant who cut his throat and wrists with broken glass in Hoboken, soon after being arrested, died early today.

The arrest of Gimbel, who was a member of a prominent and prospective firm, married, and of hitherto spotless reputation, caused tremendous surprise. Thursday afternoon he was taken from a cab in this city, in company with Iver Clark, a 16-year old boy, by two detectives, who acted on complaint of the boy's parents.

Gimbel, according to the detectives, resorted to an attempt at bribery and offered the detectives \$2,000 if they would release him.

The detectives apparently consented and demanded cash, were driven with Gimbel to his banker's office here, and given the \$2,000.

Then they informed Gimbel that an additional charge of attempted bribery would be placed against him, and they took him to the district attorney's office, where it is alleged, Gimbel offered Assistant District Attorney Kroetz, any amount of money to gain his release.

FOUND NEARLY DEAD.

Later Gimbel was released in heavy bail and started, ostensibly, for his home in Philadelphia.

He never reached there. Instead he went to the Palace Hotel in Hoboken, and there, with jagged glass obtained from a water pitcher which he broke, he cut his throat in many places and gashed his left wrist.

He was discovered several hours afterwards, almost dead from loss of blood.

BIGAMIST ARRESTED, SINGING TO HIS BABY

Second Wife Faints When Constables Suddenly Appear in Home, for Husband.

Philadelphia, April 24.—While singing to his baby, born to his second wife, Morton Wood, who has lived his life in two sections, and who was so well along in the second that he was beginning to flatter himself he would never again hear from the first, was surprised when suddenly two constables appeared in his home in Germantown and arrested him for bigamy.

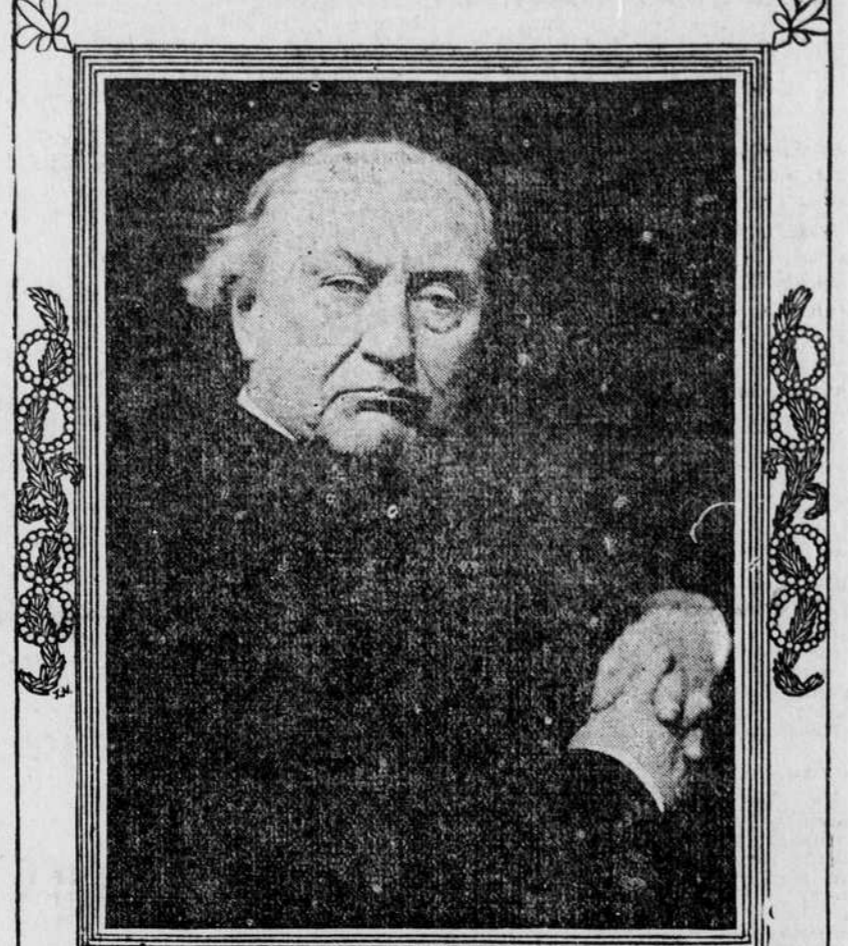
It had been five years since he deserted his wife in Waterbury, Conn., and closed, as he thought, the first section of his life. It had been unsatisfactory to him, and he decided to start anew.

HUGGER NARROWLY ESCAPES LYNCHING

Crowd Gathers After Man Who Forces Embraces on Girl Has Been Thrashed.

Norfolk, Va., April 24.—L. B. Plummer, a well known young man narrowly escaped lynching at the hands of infuriated citizens after hugging a prominent young woman on the street.

ASK ALL LAWYERS TO MIX CONSCIENCE WITH BRAINS



DAVID J. BREWER
PHOTO BY HANDELL

New York, April 24.—United States Supreme Court Justice David J. Brewer pleaded for a higher standard of ethics in the legal profession in an address before the Ethical Culture society in Carnegie hall. The justice said no profession is so often wrongfully attacked as the legal, adding:

"It is strange there should be so much criticism of the bar. We must remember the wisdom of the lawmaker can never keep pace with the ingenuity of trained minds seeking to evade legal limitations. 'The old saying that holes may be found in every law, simply means that

the ingenious lawyer can often find either in the statute or in the mode of its enforcement, some way to escape from its penalties. 'It is this which provokes the frequent remarks that the law so seldom reaches the rich, for the rich can pay for the brainiest, and the brainiest can quickly discover means of evasion. 'As against this, I appeal for a higher standard of ethics, an appeal for every lawyer to put his heart alongside his head, to mix his conscience with his brains. Let him have courage to say to his client: 'It may be legal but it is dishonest, and I will have nothing to do with it.'"

THAW MANSION REPORTED HAUNTED BY WOMAN SUICIDE

Wife of Presbyterian Minister Hanged Herself in One of the Bathrooms.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 24.—After being carefully suppressed five years, the secret of Lyndhurst, the Thaw family mansion, became known today through an admission by ex-Coroner McGeary. For the first time the public knows why Mrs. William Thaw refuses to live in the great house alone and why Harry K. Thaw was so nervous when he visited there.

Five years ago a Kentucky woman, wife of a Presbyterian minister, and a relative of Mrs. Thaw, while visiting her at Lyndhurst committed suicide by hanging in one of the large bath rooms of the house.

CONFESSION BASIS OF BIG BANK SCANDAL

Seymour, Ia., April 24.—Cashier LeRoy Ware, of the Farmers and Drovers bank, made a complete confession of his operations in the bank this morning to the state auditor and several directors. He said that the shortage would be nearer \$75,000 than any other sum he could name. He feared it might run to \$100,000. Ware said:

"As God is my judge I have not profited by this shortage by a single cent. I was the duped of several men who found out that I had manipulated the books by false entries and used that information to hold me up for money."

The system of robbing the bank was to issue certificates of deposit to men who did not give the bank any money. These men speculated in grain with the certificates of deposits. So long as they had money, well and good, and the certificates were redeemed.

Will Prosecute. Auditor Carroll will not permit the bank to open until experts have gone over the books to get evidence for criminal prosecutions.

Ware is generally believed to have been duped. He was not a high liver. R. S. Davidson, a depositor had \$9,000 in the bank for which there is not a record. Twenty-five angry Italian coal miners are in Seymour clamoring for their money and threatening trouble. Extra police have been ordered to keep them away from the bank. Cashier Ware after opening the safe and making his confession collapsed and he is at his home behind locked doors. His wife is standing by him nobly and insists that men higher up in the town, though not officers of the bank, are the real culprits.

3 BABIES BURN TO DEATH; MOTHER AWAY

Des Moines, Ia., April 24.—Two children of Chas. Bratwell were burned to death today near Mystic, and a third so terribly injured that death will result. A boy of 5 was playing with matches while the mother was away. A boy of 3 and a baby 19 months old were burned to a crisp.

LORD BARRINGTON GUILTY, DECLARES SUPREME COURT

Washington, D. C., April 24.—In an opinion by Chief Justice Fuller of the supreme court, today he dismissed the criminal case of Frederick Seymour, alias "Lord" Barrington, under sentence of death in St. Louis on charge of murdering James P. McCann in June, 1903, thus sustaining the verdict of guilty returned by the trial court.

POSTHUMOUS CHILD MAY AFFECT "SILENT SMITH'S" MILLIONS

His Widow Reported in Position to Resist All Claims of Husband's Relatives.

SHE COMES FROM JAPAN

Dead Man's Kin Prepares to Fight for Part of His Immense Fortune, Being Dissatisfied With Legacies.

New York, April 24.—It is a little early for the mother, sisters and brother of James Henry ("Silent") Smith, who died in Japan, to gather for the purpose of disputing with his widow over the \$300,000,000 or \$75,000,000 which he left behind.

If there should be a posthumous heir or heiress, what then? It is asserted by persons in this city who are in Mrs. Smith's confidence that such a complication is to be expected. If Smith died childless and without expectation of lawful issue from his marriage with Mrs. Rhinelander Stewart, whom he married after her divorce, there would be a likelihood that his relatives could contest, with some chance of success, a will leaving all his property to his bride-widow.

But the advent of a son or daughter would change the situation vitally. Coming From Orient.

Mrs. Smith is accompanying her husband's body home from Japan. Her late husband's relatives expect to meet her party in Chicago and urge claims to a share of the immense fortune.

No details as to Mr. Smith's will have yet been made public. It has been generally supposed that he left a suitable provision for his blood relatives, but that the bulk of the estate is left to his widow.

It is likely that on his marriage Mr. Smith was advised by lawyers to devise a certain share to his wife and the bulk of the remainder to any children that might be born to them.

Headed Off by Heir. If the blood relatives, dissatisfied with the size of their legacies, were to attempt to break the will they would be "headed off" by the advent of an heir born after Mr. Smith's death.

For, by breaking the will, if they could, they would cause the property, aside from the widow's dower right in the real estate, to descend in bulk to the son or daughter yet to be born.

And if this son or daughter were to die, his or her property would revert to Mrs. Smith, the widow.

Of course, unless the child lived even for however brief moment after birth, the position of the blood relatives, and their chances of breaking a will which might not be deemed just to them, would be as if the child were never born at all.

George A. Smith, a brother of the dead man, formerly lived in Chicago, but has been in Philadelphia for several years. The nephews are William S. Mason, vice president of the City National bank, in Evanston, and George G. Mason of Aberdeen, S. D., superintendent of the Aberdeen division of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, one of the executors.

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DOG EATS \$12 AND UNCLE SAM TO GET IT

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It was a case of Shelby being out \$12 and the dog in, or Shelby being in and the dog out.

A woman went to the bachelor apartments of Colonel Shelby and paid him \$12 in two bills. Mr. Shelby placed the money on a table and, on returning after escorting the woman out, found the money gone. He was sure nobody had taken the money, and search was started.

After a vain hunt the dog was spied chewing on something. With a "curses upon you" the animal was grabbed by the tail and held in the air until it yelped for mercy. Letting the dog down, Shelby continued to examine his mouth. In the furthest part could be seen a little piece of green paper, all chewed up.

The paper was taken out, and proved to be pieces of the anti-pass bill, H. F. No. 25, it did so with amendments taken from the senate anti-pass bill, S. F. No. 6, passed some time since in the senate, and the bill will go the house for concurrence in the amendments.

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CHILD ELOPERS JOIN IN SUICIDE WHEN PURSUED

Plunge Into River After Parents Balk Attempted Marriage—Joint Ages, 32.

Clifton Forge, Va., April 23.—After being arrested and brought back after having attempted to elope to Washington, Miss Mabel Pendleton, a 17-year old girl, plunged from a bridge over the Jackson river, and Stewart C. Gay, aged 15, who was to have become her husband, did likewise.

An old negro made an effort to save the life of the young couple, who sank together, the boy holding his sweetheart in his arms.

From the best information obtainable it seems they decided to put an end to life after undergoing the humiliation of having the marital plans frustrated and the girl being placed in the custody of an officer, practically under arrest, by her parents, who were opposed to her marriage owing to her youth.

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The Exceptions. These the "bona fide officers, attorneys, surgeons and employees of railroad companies and members of their immediate families, together with the duly elected representatives of railroad labor, organizations, bona fide representatives of religious and eleemosynary and charitable organizations, together with bona fide, helpless or homeless persons who may be in charge of such charitable organizations; the necessary caretakers of live stock, vegetables or fruits while traveling with the same and returning home; victims of work, accidents, general epidemic pestilence or other calamitous visitations, and persons engaged in the relief of such victims, and veterans of the civil war, bona fide employees on sleeping cars, express cars and mail cars, United States mail agents and newsmen on trains. This act shall not be construed to prohibit the interchange by railroad companies of passes for the officers and employees of railroads and members of their immediate families, but no free transportation shall be issued or given to any person when such person is a member of, employed by, or in any way connected with any political committee, or candidate for, or an incumbent of any office or position under the constitution and laws of any state or any municipality of this state.

No "Immunity" Bath. "No person, including persons who are agents or officers of any corporation mentioned in the foregoing section, shall be privileged from testifying in relation to anything herein prohibited and no person for so testifying shall be liable to any prosecution or punishment for any offense concerning which he was required to testify or concerning which he was required to furnish documentary evidence."

Another amendment makes the bill applicable at once. It is not at all probable that the bill will fail because of any disagreement between the two houses.

It is too important a bill to be dropped in this manner. The constituents of the members of the legislature demand that it be passed. It is very likely that a conference committee will be called to settle differences.

BANDIT WHO STOLE \$25,000 SENTENCED

Tuesday, 9:40 p. m., Gunderson held a clerk at gunpoint and stole the Union depot office of the Northern Express company in St. Paul and forced him to open the safe. Gunderson made a getaway with \$25,000.

Wednesday, 4 a. m., Gunderson was arrested by the police in his home.

Thursday, 5 a. m., Gunderson confessed he had taken the money and told where he had concealed it. All the money was recovered.

Friday, 9:30 a. m., Gunderson was arraigned waived examination and was bound over to the district court.

Friday, 2 p. m., Gunderson was sentenced.

ST. PAUL, MINN., APRIL 23.—John Gunderson, who confessed to the robbery of the Northern Express company's office

holding up Fred Zimmerman a clerk, compelling the latter to hand over a package of money containing \$25,000, was sentenced to the St. Cloud reformatory. The sentence is indeterminate.

NAVYMAN, BARRED, CAN RECOVER ONLY PRICE OF TICKET

Providence, R. I., April 23.—Fred J. Buzniele, who was barred from dances in Newport because, as he claims, he was wearing the uniform of the navy, can recover at law only the price of his admission ticket, according to a decision handed down by Justice Sweetland of the Rhode Island superior court.

The decision says the legal rights of a man wearing a United States uniform are not different from those of any well behaved person who possesses a ticket of admission to any place of amusement.

The judge holds that the proprietors of any amusement place are not under any obligations to admit any person whom they may choose to exclude.

Buzniele was given financial support by the naval officers and President Roosevelt to help defray expenses of the prosecution.

EARTHQUAKE IN ITALY, ILOILO IS SUFFERING

Manila, April 23.—The latest reports from Iloilo say the fire has been checked. The native quarter of the city was destroyed and the property loss is estimated at \$100,000. The business section was untouched.

Several hundred houses were destroyed and 10,000 natives are homeless. The shocks were the most severe in fifteen years.