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FORGOT WHO HE WAS

BUT DIDN'T FORGET TO TAKE
THE FIRM'S MONEY.

Man Who Didn't Remember Anything of His Past Is Identified by His Former Partner Who Says He Left \$10,000 in Debts in Alabama

Forgot His Own Name.

MANKATO, Minn.: The man who came to Mankato three weeks ago and was unable to remember his own name or his past history, has been identified by J. W. Blanchard of Chicago, his former partner, who he claims mysteriously disappeared from Mobile, Ala., July 17 last, taking with him several thousand dollars of the firm's money and leaving \$10,000 debt behind him, contracted without Blanchard's knowledge.

The forgetful man is John Hardcastle Hall, an Englishman, and, according to Blanchard's statements, he is a master of deception and trickery, yet without a most wonderful man. Hall seems to remember only the good that he has done, and has no recollection of his alleged crookedness. Blanchard states that he will not prosecute Hall and will return to Chicago, having satisfied his curiosity regarding the man. Hall's case has attracted wide attention, and dozens of letters have been received here from all parts of the country, giving descriptions of missing business men. It is thought here that Hall is mentally unbalanced, but Blanchard does not share this belief.

A Sensational Suicide.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.: Fannie Viola Finnigan, a handsome and refined young woman, shot herself through the heart in her room at the Carlton Hotel. The woman had been a guest at the hotel for three weeks, and it is supposed she came from Spencer, Mass. She was a decided brunet, dressed richly and spent money freely. She had rented a safety deposit box at the State Bank of Florida, and in it were found a considerable sum of money valuable jewels and a watch.

When the pistol shot sounded Manager Koon, of the hotel, and others rushed to the room and found the woman on the bed dead, and dressed for the grave. Two letters were found, one addressed to Manager Koon and the other to Undertaker Tyler. The letter to Mr. Koon reads:

"If I am not quite dead when you arrive don't call a doctor or disarrange my clothing, as I shall die in a few moments."

The letter to Undertaker Tyler gave instructions about the coffin and funeral. Among other things she wrote:

"Of all places do not dare to bury me in Mt. Hermon Cemetery. I would not tolerate that. I wish my coffin to be at least six inches wider than customary. You may think four or five inches will do. It will not. I insist on the coffin being six inches wider, as I do not wish to be crowded. Bury my revolver with me in reach of my right hand. It is to remain loaded, with the exception of one shot, which I shall discharge myself. My waist is clean now, and although it may become blood stained it is not to be removed."

Nothing is known of the woman here, and telegrams to Spencer, Mass., remain unanswered. It is believed the name "Finnigan" was assumed.

Lake Schooner Sinks.

MUSKEGON, Mich.: The schooner Waukesha broke up while trying to ride out the gale at anchor here Sunday night, and only one survivor of her crew of seven was rescued. All night long the wreck continued to come upon the beach and five bodies were recovered.

Frank Delach, the only survivor of the wreck, made affidavit to the effect that there were seven aboard the Waukesha. When they arrived off Muskegon Delach said the captain, mate and some of the sailors were very drunk. They signalled for a tug but showed no distress signals, and no tug under these circumstances started out in the heavy sea. The craft began leaking badly after they anchored, but the captain refused to light a torch to make known their condition to the life saving crew. The crew donned life preservers, their yawl boat having been washed away. All hands took to the forward rigging. The craft began sinking rapidly and a sudden lurch threw some of the men from the forecastle. As part of them clung to the rigging the main top mast broke off and fell upon them, striking some of them and sweeping all into the lake.

Housebreaker Killed.

LANCASTER, Pa.: A tragedy occurred near Parkesburg, a small town in Chester County. The victim was a young colored man named Johnson, who was shot and instantly killed by a tenant farmer named Hooper, his former employer. Johnson was recently discharged by Hooper, and about 3 o'clock in the morning the farmer, after being awakened by strange noises, discovered Johnson in his house, and the tragedy followed. The dead man had ransacked one room, obtaining considerable, and had visited the stable and cut three sets of harness to pieces.

Killed While Stealing a Ride.

WELLSVILLE, N. Y.: Two men and a boy, who were stealing a ride on an Erie car loaded with iron piping, were instantly killed by the jarring of the car by a switch engine and the shifting of the pipes. A coroner's inquest was held and the Erie Company held blameless.

Colombia Wants a Railway.

COLON: The Colombian Government has offered a monthly subsidy amounting to \$2,000 to be given to any person who will establish steam communication with the coast.

French Anarchist Runs Wild.

PARIS: A man named Leymaire, who was out of work, shot and seriously wounded a policeman with a revolver in the Rue des Petits Champs. Another policeman was shot in the shoulder. He declared himself to be an anarchist. The police have seized a lot of anarchist documents and literature at his lodgings.

Was a Long Time Coming.

JOLIET, Ill.: A letter addressed to a man in La Salle, Ill., and mailed seven years ago, was found in a mail box the other day.

A Railroad Sensation.

TOPEKA, Kan.: Western railroad circles have a sensation in a second receivership for the Santa Fe. The road and equipment in Kansas has been placed in the control of State Senator Charles F. Johnson of Oskaloosa, Kan. Judge Louis Meyers, of the First district, made the appointment and ordered him to take charge of the property of the Santa Fe Railway Company in Kansas.

The action which resulted in the appointment of a receiver has been brought about, it is believed, by the men who opposed the recent reorganization plan of the Santa Fe. When the reorganization was effected a meeting was held in Topeka, and the opponents of the reorganization plan, headed by Henry Clews, made a strong effort to prevent it. The anti-reorganization men do not show their hands in the present litigation, but they are charged with being responsible for it by the friends of the new company.

Dun & Co.'s Review.

NEW YORK: R. G. Dun & Co's Weekly Review of Trade says: It was not strictly logical that wheat advanced 5¢, reaching \$2¢ for November and \$3¢ for December, and heavy realization of profits showed perception of the fact. Western receipts were only 6,687,159 bushels, against 8,019,910 last year, and Atlantic exports, flour included, were only 1,588,358, against 1,790,833 last year.

A growing disposition appears among farmers to hold wheat for better prices than are now realized, although at present any advance checks buying for export.

Practically no change has appeared in woolens, but the reported purchases of wool, including one of 11,000,000 pounds of territory, said to have been made by a syndicate, amounted to 18,561,000 pounds against 5,621,350 pounds last year. The average prices rose about 3¢ cent in October, and since September 1, 10,000 pounds by Coates Bros. have risen from 12.16 to 12.92 cents, or 6.8 per cent.

Failures for the week have been 230 in the United States against 280 last year, and 52 in Canada against 49 last year.

Thirteen Are Drowned.

ST. JOHN'S, N. B.: A marine tragedy occurred here the other night. The schooner Maggie, Capt. Wm. Blundon, while entering this harbor with twenty-three persons aboard, was struck by the steamer Tibe, Capt. John De Lisle, which was steaming outward at full speed.

The schooner sank from the force of the collision, carrying down with it thirteen persons. Four of these were women, one the wife of the captain and another his sister.

A young married couple named Power and a brother and sister of the name of Holloway are of those drowned. The passengers were coming to St. John's to procure their supplies for the winter before navigation closed. Those who escaped were kept afloat by the aid of planks from the schooner's decks, and were picked up by the steamer's boat and brought back to the port by the pilot boat which had the Tiber in tow. The latter

continued on her voyage.

Slums of Lady Somerset.

LONDON: Lady Henry Somerset has once again come into public notice as the owner of a tract of land at Somers Town—a neighborhood within the limits of the city of London and which is covered with old dilapidated dwellings. The authorities have officially declared the region a "condemned, insanitary area," but there appears to be no law under which the structures can be razed or the tenants compelled to seek other quarters. The

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Prospects of Great Increase of General Traffic.

YORK, PA.: While tearing off the roof of his house Edward Spangler, a farmer living at Spyry, this county, found a bag filled with gold and silver notes. Before he had time to count his find, his hired man, William Sullivan, seized the bag and made off with it. Spangler pursued Sullivan, but the latter threatened to kill him, and made good his escape with the treasure. Spangler noticed the denominations of the notes, which he says was \$500. The police are now looking for Sullivan.

Congratulates the Victor.

LINCOLN: Mr. Bryan surrendered Thursday, having received the signal for which he had been waiting for the past forty-eight hours, and responded within ten minutes with a telegram to his successful rival.

LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 5.—Hon. William McKinley, Canton, Ohio: Senator Jones has just informed me that the returns indicate your election, and I hasten to extend my congratulations. We have submitted the issue to the people and their will is law.

W. J. BRYAN.

Advices from Cuba.

KEY WEST: Advices from Cuba give plainer descriptions of the movements of the insurgents than can be sent by cable. Antonio Maceo has moved to plain country, on the south coast of Pinar del Rio, with the intention of making an attempt to pass the torch, protected in the meantime, as he hopes, by the insurgents at the rear of the torch. He is at present supposed to be at Cagjal, in the direction of the swamp of Majala. It is thought probable that it will be difficult for him to pass by the south coast to the western portion of Pinar del Rio because Gen. Weyler's columns are fortifying strategic positions taken from the insurgents near Pinar del Rio so as to form a strong base of operations. When once these are finished Gen. Weyler calculates that he will be able to dispose of 10,000 more men in pursuit of Maceo, and the general opinion is that he will be able to give him a decisive blow.

Double Elgin Tragedy.

ELGIN, Ill.: Monday evening Mrs. Anna Schreiber, of Chicago, and her 14-year-old nephew, Bruno Meilke, with whom she was infatuated, arrived. They spent the night with a former neighbor, but had a violent altercation and left in the morning. Two blocks from the house pistol shots were heard. A woman who lives near says she saw Mrs. Schreiber lying on the ground and Meilke with a revolver pointed at his own head. When found Meilke was dead and the woman probably fatally wounded. She said Meilke shot her and himself. She disclaims guilty relations, but said they could not live without each other.

Claims an Estate of \$2,000,000.

MESHPETH, L. I.: If the story told by Antonia Segul, a drug clerk employed here, be true, he will soon be the possessor of an estate in Florida worth \$2,000,000. Segul says that his father was a direct descendant of Father Antonio Segul, who settled in Florida about 1800 and became the possessor of a large estate, which was inherited by his father, and Segul says he is now the only heir to it. The estate consists of about 3,000 acres of valuable land. Segul has taken steps to recover possession of it.

Law & Order Defied.

GOLDSBORO, N. C.: An incendiary speech made here by Frank Baker, a colored man of Dudley, caused a clash between white and colored citizens. A mob of over 150 negroes armed with knives, pistols and clubs marched through the city and defied the law. The sheriff and city authorities finding themselves unable to cope with the mob called upon the Goldsboro Rifles for assistance. This action had the effect of quelling the disturbance, which for a time looked as though a riot was imminent.

Witness My Hand and the Seal of the United States, Which I Have Caused to be Heralded affixed.

"Done at the City of Washington this 4th day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and twenty-first.

"GROVER CLEVELAND.
"By the President,
"RICHARD OLNEY,
"Secretary of State."

A NATION'S THANKS.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND NAMES DATE OF THE FESTIVAL

Proclamation Appoints Thursday, Nov. 26, as the Day for Acknowledgment to the God of Nations for Blessings Vouchsafed the United States.

Homage to the Universal Ruler.

The President Wednesday issued the following thanksgiving proclamation:

"By the President of the United States: The people of the United States should never be unmindful of the gratitude they owe the God of nations, for his watchful care which has shielded them from disaster and pointed out to them the way of peace and happiness. Nor should they ever refuse to acknowledge with contrite hearts their proneness to turn away from God's teachings and to follow with sinful pride after their own devices.

"To the end that these thoughts may be quickened, it is fitting that on a day especially appointed we should join together in approaching the throne of grace with praise and supplication.

"Therefore, I, Grover Cleveland, President of the United States, do hereby designate and set apart Thursday, the 26th day of the present month of November, to be kept and observed as a day of thanksgiving and prayer throughout our land.

"On that day let all our people forego their usual work and occupation and assembled in their accustomed places of worship, let them with one accord render thanks to the Ruler of the Universe for our preservation as a nation and our deliverance from every threatened danger; for the peace that has dwelt within our boundaries; for our defense against disease and pestilence during the year that has passed; for the plenteous rewards that have followed the labors of our husbandmen; and for all the other blessings that have been vouchsafed to us.

"Let us let us, through the mediation of him who has taught us how to pray, implore the forgiveness of our sins and a continuation of heavenly favor.

"Let us not forget on this day of thanksgiving the poor and needy, and by deeds of charity let out offerings of praise be made more acceptable in the sight of the Lord.

"Witness my hand and the seal of the United States, which I have caused to be hereto affixed.

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RAILROAD INTERESTS.

Prospects of Great Increase of General Traffic.

Chicago railroad officials say that for months their business has been exceedingly dull and earnings have been below the dull months of the last dull year. Now a revival is looked for in freight circles. Officials predict one of the heaviest movements of merchandise known in many years. Country merchants as well as the jobbers in the large cities have allowed their stocks to run down to the minimum. The movement of west-bound merchandise has been the lightest for many years. Thousands of stocks must be replenished and country merchants will buy heavily. This means heavy loads for the railroads, and correspondingly heavy earnings. No falling off in the heavy east-bound movement of grain, which began under the cut freight rates of last month, is looked for. Orders for cars are coming into general freight offices from all points in the west, and more than one road fears a car famine. As most of this grain will move under contracts made at the reduced rates there will not be large increases in revenue from that class of freight, but the greatest economy of operation as well as the greatest amount of revenue will develop from the movement of loaded cars both ways. Passenger men are also expecting heavy business. Commercial travelers make up a large percentage of all roads' passengers. Many merchants prefer buying their goods at the large centers to ordering of traveling men, and they, too, will soon be using passenger trains. The winter tourist business also has been delayed.

No Second-Class Fares.

LINES members of the Central Passenger and Trunk Lines' committees are considering a proposal to abolish second-class fares. Another matter of more than ordinary interest to a large number of people concerns the policy to be followed next year in handling clergy business. It is said many of the passenger men are more pleased with the manner in which Western roads handled the clergy business this year and that like plan may be adopted by the Eastern lines. That, however, is hardly likely.

The misuse of charity fares, protective forms of excursion tickets, government transportation orders, interterritorial party fares and a number of other interesting subjects are docketed for consideration.

Telegraphic Brevities.

The insurgents made an attack upon the town of Mariet, the northern terminus of the trocha, but they were repulsed by the garrison, assisted by a gunboat in the bay.

An Exceptional Case.

You know old John Goodner?"

"Yes."

"Never called anything but 'Honest John' for forty years."

"Um."

"County treasurer for twenty-eight years and guardian for half the orphans in the country? Trusted by everybody."

"Yep."

"Dead three weeks and experts have gone over his books."

"Well?"

"They found that he was honest in every way."

A Budding Punster.

Three-year-old on Staten Island boat

—What's that big stone house, mamma?

"That's a fort, dear."

"What's one black fings on top?"

"Cannon."

"Mamma, what is they cannin' in 'at house?" —New York Herald.

Brown—Does your wife ever threaten to go home to her mother? Jones—No,

that's the worst of it! Her mother boards with us.—Puck.

MAJORITY FOR