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## MERCHANT ENDS LIFE

A. M. Rothschild, Noted Chicago Department Store Man, Commits Suicide.

## ACUTE INSOMNIA CAUSE FOR THE DEED

Just Returned From Outing in Minnesota for Benefit of Health.

## RETIRED FROM MANAGEMENT OF STORE

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## WAS FORMER RESIDENT OF DAVENPORT

Began His Career as Merchant in Iowa City and Then Went to Illinois Metropolis, Where He Became Famous.

CHICAGO, July 28.—A. M. Rothschild, until two months ago the head of the State street department firm of A. M. Rothschild & Co., committed suicide today at his home, Thirty-seventh court and Michigan, by shooting himself in the head, the wound inflicted causing almost instant death.

Acute insomnia, which probably caused temporary insanity, is said to be responsible for the deed. Mr. Rothschild returned from a six weeks' outing in Minnesota the past week and seemed improved physically. At no time, it is said, was his mental condition such as to cause any apprehension that he contemplated self-destruction.

Shortly after luncheon this afternoon Mr. Rothschild entered the bathroom of one of the upper floors of his home and almost immediately the servants heard the report of revolver. Rushing to the bathroom, they found the merchant lying on the floor. A bullet wound in the forehead showed what had happened. Mr. Rothschild was still breathing. A physician was summoned, but could be of no service.

Mr. Rothschild retired from the management of the big department store at State and Van Buren streets about two months ago on account of ill-health. A constitution ordinarily robust had been shattered in building up the business since its opening, seven years ago. Interested with him and the principal owner of the store was Nelson Morris, his father-in-law.

Mr. Rothschild was born in the little German village of Nordstetten fifty-seven years ago. When a child of 5 years he came to America, and while in his teens went to Davenport, Ia. With his two brothers he established a general store. In 1875 he came to Chicago and immediately began making a reputation for himself, organizing in 1882 the department store which now bears his name. Mr. Rothschild was a director of the World's fair, a former director of the National Bank of the Republic and a member of the Standard, Washington park and Hamilton clubs. He leaves a widow and one son.

## TROUBLE OCCURS IN PARIS

Many Injured, Ten of Them Seriously, in Disturbances in the Streets.

PARIS, July 28.—Many persons injured, of them seriously, and hundreds arrested are the net results of the street disturbances yesterday in which both clerical and anti-clerical demonstrations brought about by the closing of unauthorized religious schools, were made.

There were great crowds on the boulevards throughout the evening in expectation of further rioting. A large procession of students shouting and singing was dispersed by the police and attempted red flag demonstrations at the Strasbourg statue also were broken up. Quiet was restored at midnight.

Francois Coppe, the author, and M. Lerolle, a nationalist deputy, who were arrested last week in connection with the anti-clerical rioting, addressed a great meeting, which was held in a riding school in the Rue d'Enghien tonight to protest against the government's action in the matter of the closing of the unauthorized congregational schools. Coppe in a vigorous denunciation of the government made remarks hostile to President Loubet. After receiving a demonstration, a counter-demonstration to M. Coppe occurred in the senate, but the police were able to maintain order.

## TELEPHONES WITHOUT WIRES

Electrical Inventor Successes in Talking Over Seven Kilometers Without Wire.

BERLIN, July 28.—Ernest Fuhrmann, an electrical inventor, succeeded Saturday evening in telephoning seven kilometers by his wireless method. The speaking voice was perfectly audible continuously during the experiments. Ruhmer, who has hitherto used a searchlight thirty-five centimeters in diameter, intends to construct a larger one, expecting to speak forty kilometers, which would be a distance sufficient to a modern city. It is claimed, however, that the apparatus is too large, too expensive and too delicate to be practical commercially, but it will be highly useful to warships in transmitting orders at sea. Herr Ruhmer's invention acts on the principle of transformation of light waves to sound waves with a searchlight and a microphone.

## ATTITUDE TOWARDS TRUST

Balfour Says It is Impossible for British Government to Define Position Now.

LONDON, July 28.—The premier, A. J. Balfour, in the House of Commons today, in reply to a question reference to the Atlantic shipping trust, said it was improbable that the government would be in a position to formulate a statement of its attitude toward the trust before the recess of Parliament on August 8.

If any agreement were to be made with the trust, involving a financial arrangement, such agreement, necessarily, would be subject to the approval of the

## COLONIES PROVE THEIR LOVE

Thing Needed is for Mother Country to Act with Them in Trade Relations.

C. SLOW, July 28.—Premier Seddon of New Zealand, in a speech here today, said the people had already proved that they loved their land by sending their sons to fight in Africa.

They wished to further give the mother country a greater share over other nations, but too much "iron" was being laid down, which certain nations might think.

What the colonies and Great Britain should do was to join in common cause to meet American competition. Should this be done, the result need not be feared, said Mr. Seddon, because the British workers and manufacturers were unequalled in the world's trade.

All the colonial premiers, with the exception of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the prime minister of Canada, who is in London, were given a great ovation here today. Mr. Barton, the prime minister of the commonwealth of Australia, in one of the many speeches he delivered in the course of the day, warned his hearers that the British empire was large enough and that Britons now ought to look to consolidation rather than to acquisition.

George W. Ross, premier of Ontario, declared in a speech that the war in South Africa was prolonged to the extent it had been because there were so few colonial troops in the field.

## ENTERTAIN GENERAL DEWET

Famous Leader Goes to Capetown Quietly, but Afrikanders Tender Him Banquet.

CAPE TOWN, July 28.—General Dewet hoped that he could evade friends as successfully as he did enemies by arriving here unopposed this afternoon and upsetting all the elaborate plans prepared for his reception. He strolled through the streets, casually nodding to acquaintances and occasionally to a former opponent. Arrangements were quickly made by Afrikanders to entertain the famous leader tonight at a semi-private dinner, tickets to which already stand at five guineas premium.

A striking contrast to Dewet's return was the scene Sunday when Generals Botha and Delaire attended church. The building was packed mainly with women, and the service was scarcely concluded when these Cape Town admirers stormed the pew in which the generals sat. With difficulty they retreated to the vestry. The congregation followed and Generals Botha and Delaire were lifted to the vestry table. The pastor of the church warmly remonstrated, whereupon a number of those present seized the generals and carried them to carriages, where another demonstration ensued.

## MACNEIL ENTERS PROTEST

Irish Nationalist Opposes Appointment of Alderman as Lord Chief Justice.

LONDON, July 28.—In the House of Commons today John G. S. MacNeil (Irish nationalist) moved a protest against the appointment of Lord Alderman, lord chief justice of England, and Sir John Bingham, judge of the king's bench division of the high court of justice, who, together with Major Sir John Ardagh, recently agent of the government on the South African claims commission, were appointed last week a royal commission to proceed to South Africa August 9 and inquire into sentences imposed by the military court with the view of ascertaining whether it is expedient that such sentences and fines be remitted or reduced. Mr. MacNeil maintained that the attitude of Lord Alderman and Sir John Bingham toward the Jamison rail commission utterly不符了 their present duties.

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## PROPOSE TERMS OF PEACE

Revolutionary Forces of Panama Submit Proposal to Lay Down Their Arms.

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## COUNTERFEITER IN CUSTODY

King of Those Who Shove the Queen in Chicago Placed Under Lock and Key.

CHICAGO, July 28.—Alfred S. Cunningham, said to be the "king of Chicago counterfeiters," has been arrested here by federal secret service officers and is charged with being the shrewdest maker of spurious half dollars in the country.

The officers found a complete counterfeiting plant where they arrested Cunningham and several sacks of bogus money. Most of the tools and dies used were secreted in a hollow workbench. Cunningham waived examination by Commissioner Foote, and was held to the federal grand jury.

## CREATES A GREAT SENSATION

Writ of Conspiracy Issued by Irish Members Against New Landlord Trust.

NY, July 28.—Premier Sagasta states that the negotiations with the Vatican regarding the schools conducted by the religious associations are proceeding very slowly and that if they are not finished by October the government will take other steps.

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