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## HOLT ENDS LIFE IN PRISON CELL

MAN WHO SHOT J. P. MORGAN COMMITS SUICIDE

SECOND ATTEMPT AT DESTRUCTION

Had Already Tried to Kill Self by Severing Artery With Lead Pencil.

Mineola, N. Y., July 6.—Frank Holt, the former Cornell University instructor, who shot J. P. Morgan in his home near Glen Cove last Saturday, committed suicide in jail here tonight. While some jail authorities declared Holt killed himself by climbing through an opening at the top of his cell door; then plunging to the narrow court below, Holt's keeper, Jeremiah O'Ryan, said he was positive the prisoner was killed in his own cell where he found the body.

There were many conflicting reports as to the manner in which Holt met death, but it was definitely established through Doctor Buy Clezurn, the jail physician, that Holt died of a fractured skull. Early today Holt had made an ineffectual attempt to kill himself by severing an artery with a lead pencil.

District Attorney Smith searched Holt's cell immediately after arriving at the jail tonight when notified of the prisoner's death, and found a letter written by the prisoner on yellow paper. The text follows:

"To my dears: I must write once more. The more I think about it the more I see uneasiness in living under circumstances such as these. Bring up the dear babies in the love of God and man. God bless you my sweet wife. Affectionately, Frank."

"P. S. Please pardon me for all the heartache I have brought you. Pray with me that the slaughter will stop. My heart breaks. Goodby." Holt had said his motive in going to see Morgan and in placing the bomb in the capitol at Washington was to stop the export of war munitions to European belligerents.

Holt's wife and children, for whom the letter was presumably intended, are in Dallas, Texas, at the home of Dr. C. F. Hensbaugh, who is a minister and, is Mrs. Holt's father.

Glen Cove, July 6.—The theory that Holt and Erich Muentzer are the same person was strengthened today by the announcement that an examination of Holt's body revealed scars corresponding to the description of those carried by Muentzer. Alienists have been asked to come here to examine the man.

## BANKERS AND FARMERS MEETING IN CHICAGO

Co-operation is Keynote of Banker—Farmer Movement to be Inaugurated.

Chicago July 6.—Emphasis on the importance of the Banker-Farmer movement of the American Bankers' association is to be the keynote of a conference which will start here tomorrow and continue two days. The agencies who will participate are:

The agricultural commission of the American Bankers' association; chairman and members of the committee on agriculture and education of the various state bankers' associations as well as other officers of these organizations; deans of colleges of agriculture, and other members of these faculties; editors of representative farm journals; individual bankers selected because of exceptional success in cooperation with farmers and such of these farmers as could be persuaded to attend; and representatives of the United States department of agriculture.

The Chicago Clearing House association extended the invitation that brought the conference to this city and will have charge of the local arrangement and the entertainment of delegates. B. F. Harris of Champaign, Ill., chairman of the agricultural commission of the American Bankers' Association, will have general charge of the conference.

BRYAN AFTER NEWSPAPERS.

Wants Law Compelling Editors to Show Financial Interest in Policy.

San Francisco, July 6.—The passage of a law to compel editors to show their financial interest in the policies they advocate was recommended by William Jennings Bryan in an address before the international press congress here today.

## PLAN MOVE FOR NATION-WIDE PROHIBITION

NATIONAL ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE CONVENES AT ATLANTIC CITY

COMMITTEE TO SOLICIT FUNDS

Bishop Wilson Re-Elected President—Supt. Baker Scores Underwood and Mann.

Atlantic City, July 6.—At a meeting of business men connected with the Anti-Saloon League of America here today, plans were made to appoint a committee of one hundred men prominent in business and manufacturing for the purpose of raising funds and to otherwise further a movement for the adoption of a national prohibition amendment to the federal constitution.

The Anti-Saloon League opened its sixteenth annual convention here tonight. Bishop Luther B. Wilson, of the Methodist Episcopal church was re-elected president. The vice presidents chosen include, D. C. Mullin, of Tallahassee, Florida. New members of the national executive committee include, W. S. Witham, of Georgia, and L. B. Musgrave, of Alabama.

In a review of the work of the Anti-Saloon League before the annual convention of the organization here tonight Dr. P. A. Baker, national superintendent, attacked representatives Mann and Underwood for the stand they took during the debate on national prohibition, at the last session of congress.

He charged that Mr. Underwood had made "a strained effort to deceive by misrepresentation and to furnish material for the liquor propaganda" and said the "liquor traffickers are now circulating his speech by the million copies."

Of the minority house leader, Dr. Baker said: "Mr. Mann, the alleged author of the law against the white slave traffic and Mr. Mann, the sponsor for the liquor traffic, become the Doctor Jekyll and Mr. Hyde of the United States congress. The liquor interests are already trying to reimburse Mr. Mann for his activity in their behalf by backing his candidacy for the presidency."

Dr. Baker began by referring to what he termed the effort on the part of politicians to keep the liquor question from becoming an issue at the next presidential election and said: "Their reason is that if this question once gets into the campaign it will absorb everything and nothing else will receive consideration. This is but confessing that this issue is paramount in the thought of the people."

In speaking of the general situation, Dr. Baker said: "The past eighteen months has been the record for prohibition progress, not only in the United States but throughout the world. If Russia can abolish five hundred million dollars per annum in revenue from drink while engaged in the most expensive war in history and yet declare the surpassing prosperity of her people, it would seem that the United States, which claims to be civilized and Christian, could safely abolish less than half that amount in time of peace."

**MEXICAN SLAYER ARRESTED IN LA.**  
Meraz, Former Huerta Officer Charged With Killing an American About a Year Ago.

New Orleans, July 6.—Police here today are expecting instructions from the federal authorities to turn over Procopio Meraz, a former Huerta officer, who was arrested here this morning after the police had received an anonymous note alleging that Meraz confessed to the writer that he is responsible for the killing of Scott Burwell, an American in Mexico about a year ago. The writer of the unsigned note, Manuel Esterverrie, was located by detectives and supplemented the written charges with a direct statement, the police say, accusing Meraz of executing Burwell.

## U.S. OFFICIALS HAVE DRAFT OF GERMAN NOTE

TENTATIVE DRAFT SUBMITTED TO U. S. THROUGH AMBASSADOR

PROPOSALS ARE NOT DIVULGED

Reply Not Believed Satisfactory to Officials of State Department.

Washington, July 6.—Germany has submitted informally to the United States, through Ambassador Gerard at Berlin, a tentative draft of its reply to the American note of June 9th, which asked for assurances that American rights on the high seas would not be further violated by German submarine commanders.

After a careful examination of the contents of the proposed note as outlined by Gerard, high officials practically agreed that the United States cannot express approval of the German proposals in their present form without sacrificing important neutral rights.

Just what Germany proposed has not been officially divulged. From Berlin dispatches, however, it is learned that Germany would give assurances that Americans might travel safely on the high seas on certain conditions imposed by Germany, such as the marking of belligerent vessels carrying Americans, the notification by the United States to Germany of the date of departure and character of such vessels, and an inspection insuring their non-carriage of munitions of war.

President Wilson has been advised of the situation. No instructions on the subject have been sent to Gerard, but probably will be in a day or so.

Washington, July 6.—The outlook for a favorable settlement of the issue between the United States and Germany over the submarine war fare is today regarded as having advanced considerably by the beginning of informal negotiations, which it is believed would pave the way for an understanding before the drafting of Germany's reply.

It was unknown until the last day or two that a preliminary exchange of views had been progressing between the United States and Germany regarding the nature of the forthcoming German reply. Conferences between Ambassador Gerard and officials of the German foreign office are reported as taking place on Saturday. It is stated that Gerard has given an outline of Germany's reply.

It is expected that Germany will make a counter proposal. Germany wants to know what modifications of her submarine warfare will satisfy the United States for the protection of its rights, without reducing the effectiveness of the submarine as a weapon in Germany's behalf. It is known that Germany is endeavoring to give assurances that ships primarily engaged in passenger traffic will be free from attacks without warning, provided there is some certification of inspection guaranteeing in advance the nationality of the vessel on leaving American ports.

**Chicago Robbers Make Big haul.**  
Chicago, July 6.—Four robbers overpowered two watchmen at Midway Gardens this morning, blew up the safe and escaped with between ten and twelve thousand dollars according to a report to the police.

**Chicago, July 6.**—Later auditor of Midway Gardens said that approximately twenty thousand dollars was taken by the robbers.

**Prayer Service Resumed.**  
The Wednesday evening services of the First Baptist church which have been closed for the last month or so will be resumed this evening and the service will be held as usual. Teachers meeting at 8:00 and prayer and praise service at 8:30. Every church member is urged to be present as a church conference is desired to appoint delegates to the association.

**Temperance Insurance Goes.**  
New York, July 6.—The business of the American Temperance Life Insurance association of New York, which was organized in 1889 to provide life insurance for total abstainers, has been made insolvent by the admission as policy holders of moderate drinkers. Its officers asserted today. The state has taken charge of its affairs.

## Charges Perjury in Becker Case



Hartford T. Marshall.

Hartford T. Marshall, a prominent New York lawyer, who was counsel for "Bridgie" Webber, one of the chief witnesses against former Police Lieutenant Charles Becker, sentenced to electrocution in the week ending July 28, at Sing Sing, declares that Webber admitted to him he had committed perjury in the testimony he gave against the policeman. Mr. Marshall has kept silent for two years, but on the eve of the execution of the policeman he has spoken, and he has thus thrown a bomb that has startled all those connected with the case. For unlike many lawyers practicing in the criminal courts of New York City, he is a responsible and able attorney of fine standing.

"Becker had absolutely nothing to do with the murder of Esenthal," declared Mr. Marshall. "Bridgie" Webber, when he employed me as his counsel at the first trial, admitted



"Bridgie" Webber.

this to me and said that he and the others were perjuring themselves in order to save their skins.

"When Webber told me that I told him to get another lawyer, 'I think the case is a damned outrage. Becker is an innocent man. I never would have entered the case had I not known from what 'Bridgie' Webber told me that Becker was deliberately 'framed up' by Webber, Harry Vallon, Jack Rose, and Sam Schepps."

"Has Webber consented to let you reveal confidential communications between counsel and client? Has he agreed to waive his rights in that respect?" was asked of Mr. Marshall. "I am going to take a chance on that," replied Mr. Marshall with a ring of determination in his voice.

"Have you communicated with Webber recently regarding the matter?"

"I have not. I have not seen him since the first trial."

"Do you expect Webber to permit you to disclose what he told you?"

"I do not know, but I expect him to deny the story because of his immunity agreement. I do not intend to make public Webber's conversations with me until I have laid them before Judge Bartlett."

## MONTENEGRINS UNDER ARREST

PROMINENT MEN CHARGED WITH VIOLATING NEUTRALITY LAWS

Chicago, July 6.—As a result of information gathered from a score of residents, who were taken from a train here a week ago, United States secret service operatives today arrested three Montenegrin officials on a charge of conspiracy to violate the neutrality laws of the United States.

The men arrested are Captain Anton V. Seforovich, a member of the American and Montenegrin Red Cross, who was found in New York; H. Martinovich an officer of the Montenegrin army and Savo G. Jouraskovich, secretary of the Montenegrin foreign office, the two latter being arrested at Bisbee, Arizona.

Jouve Matanovitch, another high Montenegrin official is also sought. All are charged with enlisting recruits for the Montenegrin army.

## EVELYN THAW BALKS AGAIN

Says She Will Stand on Rights and Will Not Testify Against Her Husband.

New York, July 6.—Evelyn Nesbitt Thaw, summoned to testify against her husband, Harry, in the trial to determine his sanity, arrived in New York today from her summer camp near Malone, and announced she would stand on her constitutional rights and refuse to testify against her husband. The states counsel said as the hearing is a civil one, he would request the court to direct her to testify.

**Labor Official Shot.**  
Chicago, July 6.—Charles H. Johnstone, secretary and treasury of the Brick Makers Union, was shot below the heart as he answered the door bell ring this morning. Physicians said the wounds were probably fatal. Johnstone's assailant, escaped unrecognised. The police attributed the attack to labor troubles here.

## WEBB IS MAYOR OF GREENVILLE

ELECTED OVER T. F. HUNT BY MAJORITY OF ONLY 26 VOTES

Greenville, July 6.—C. S. Webb was today elected mayor by a majority of 26 votes. He received 641 votes and his opponent, T. F. Hunt received 615. Four of the old aldermen were re-elected. In one ward there will be a second race and in another the candidate had no opposition. The same police commissioners were re-elected, which means that the "lid" will be kept on.

The election was one of the closest ever held in this city and not until the votes in the last ward were counted was it known who would be elected mayor. Several thousand people crowded around when the last votes were being counted and there was much excitement. However, there was no great disorder and everything tonight is passing off quietly.

Early this morning crowds began to congregate and automobiles flying various banners were put into operation. The race was free from exceptionally hard feelings from the beginning and the day passed off quietly as was expected. Both sides were betting even money on their candidates and it was known from the start that the race would be close.

## GREAT FISHING

Greenwood and Greenville Gentlemen Catch Tarpon.

Greenwood, July 6.—Mr. A. F. McKissick and son, Mr. Ellison F. McKissick, returned yesterday from the west coast of Florida, where they spent several days fishing with Messrs. W. E. Beattie and W. C. Cleveland, of Greenville.

The trip proved to be not only a delightful, but a most successful one from the angler's standpoint. The party caught 26 tarpon weighing 2,325 pounds. The largest fish tipped the scales at 140 pounds and was six feet seven inches long.

**Mrs. W. W. Johnson.**  
Mrs. Belle Johnson, wife of W. W. Johnson, died this morning at 7 o'clock at her residence on Nardin avenue. The funeral arrangements will be announced later.

## GERMAN DRIVE LOSING FORCE

CONDITIONS IN MEXICO CITY ARE GROWING WORSE

RED CROSS OFFICIALS SAY FOOD SITUATION GROWING ACUTE

FIGHT RENEWED IN OUTSKIRTS

Carranza Forces Said to Have Suffered Heavily in Recent Battles.

Washington, July 6.—Messages came to the state department today from consular officials of Mexico telling of renewed fighting between the Carranza and Zapata forces in the outskirts of Mexico City. Pitiful conditions are reported to prevail in the capital, where the food shortage is acute.

The Red Cross tonight gave out a statement from its official representative, Charles J. O'Connor, which said conditions in Mexico City are rapidly growing worse.

Laredo, Texas, July 6.—Six hundred Carranza troops were killed in an all day battle yesterday in a fruitless attempt to capture Paredon, a Villa stronghold thirty miles northwest of Monterey, according to reports received today. Eighteen thousand men are reported to have been engaged with total casualties on both sides of 2,000. Carranza received reinforcements and renewed the attack today.

**Further Details.**

Laredo, July 6.—It is reported that 8,000 Carranza troops under General Trevino attacked about 10,000 Villa troops under Generals Urbina and Chao. Infantry, cavalry, artillery on both sides, began the battle early Monday and continued till night. This morning it is estimated Trevino has received 8,000 reinforcements. Carranza officials estimated that the Villa losses about equalled Carranza's.

**Watchful Waiting.**

Washington, July 6.—Officials here today awaited word of the result of General Gonzales' renewed attack on Mexico City. The advice said Gonzales had renewed the attack with reinforcements and that the Zapata resistance is prepared for a determined resistance.

## REV. B. F. M'LENDON LEAVES THIS MORNING

Will Start for His Home in Bennettsville at 9 O'clock This Morning.

Rev. Baxter F. McLendon will leave this morning at 9 o'clock for his home in Bennettsville. He stated last night that he would reach his home about 11 o'clock. There will doubtless be a large crowd at the depot to tell him goodbye.

Mr. Williams who has been here during the meeting left yesterday morning for Atlanta. Mr. and Mrs. Allen will leave in a few days for South Georgia. Mr. Marshall will very probably go to Fock Hill.

Although Mr. McLendon has only been in Anderson a little over four weeks, he is perhaps this morning the most beloved man in the city. He leaves here with the best wishes of thousands who will always remember him in their prayers. He has done things in Anderson that no other man has ever been able to do, and the people of the city and county are very much indebted to him.

He stated last night that the collections had run up to something like \$2,200. This does not include the \$650 which was raised for incidental expenses. He is deeply grateful to the people of Anderson and stated that he was coming back again sometime to see his many friends here.

**Senior Philatheas to Meet.**

The Senior Philatheas class of the First Baptist church will be entertained this afternoon at 5 o'clock by Mrs. Cliff Green, Mrs. Fred Tribble, Miss Ross Tribble and Miss Anna '01 at Mrs. Cliff Green's residence at 601 Boulevard. Every member is expected to attend.

RUSSIANS HOLDING POSITIONS EXCEPT AT CERTAIN POINTS

BRITISH REPORT GAINS AT YPRES

Rumors Say Germans Will Duplicate Galician Tactics in Efforts to Reach Calais.

London, July 6.—The Austro-German rush in the eastern war theatre appears to be losing its momentum except in certain sections between the Vistula and Bug rivers. The Russians are holding at most points along the line, although the Austrians claim progress in some districts.

In the west the quiet on the British front in Flanders has been broken by a British gain of German trenches north of Ypres. Field Marshal French reported today the advance was made after typical trench warfare tactics, supported by French artillery. The report added the Germans have been bombarding Ypres with gas shells.

The last twenty four hours brought many rumors that the Germans plan a new offensive in the west, their aim being to duplicate their Galician tactics and reach through to Calais at all costs. These reports came almost simultaneously from Zurich, Brussels, Paris and Amsterdam. According to the Zurich report ten army corps of German which have been recuperating in the interior after participating in the Galician campaign are moving west.

Advice from the Dardanelles today indicate no further advance of the allies.

London, July 6.—Special correspondents in Petrograd send optimistic predictions concerning the coming Russian campaign for the defense of Warsaw, which forms the center of a vast circle of hundred miles of strong fortifications. Even the fall of the fortress of Ivangorod, according to these correspondents, would not mean the loss of Warsaw.

An official Petrograd report says desperate fighting is raging between the Vistula and Bug rivers along the base of the triangle of which Warsaw forms the apex. The country there is marshy and it is predicted here that this campaign will be a constant drain on German resources until even victory would be almost as costly as defeat.

The Russians are offering a stiffer resistance to the Teutonic advance toward Warsaw.

Along the 850 mile battle front, the Russian lines are apparently holding except near Kranik, where Archduke Ferdinand's army has broken through and continued the advance toward Warsaw.

In France the Germans continue pounding the French lines, but to ward the north the silence which has so long prevailed along the front held by the British remains unbroken.

The German thrust against the French west of the Moselle river apparently has not extended an infantry attack which regained the lost trenches. Paris, however, reports a violent bombardment in that region.

The Italians report a satisfactory development of their offensive on the Carnic plateau and success in the air attacks on the Austrians near Doberdo, where severe fighting is reported to be progressing.

## OFFICIALS PLAN TO RELIEVE UNEMPLOYED

Plan to Extend Rural Credits System to Relieve Situation.

Washington, July 6.—The interdepartmental committee named by Secretary of Interior Lane, and Secretary of Labor Wilson is at work on plans to relieve unemployment, under which the federal government will finance workers desiring to take up farm land. Preliminary drafts of the necessary legislation will be proposed in connection with the rural credit bill, which the administration expects to press when congress meets in December.

The plan to relieve unemployment is contemplated in a system of farm credit operating through the department of labor which will enable workers in congested cities to take up agricultural land on government reclamation projects or public lands on easy payment loans.