

## REVEALS DOUBLE TRAGEDY.

Bodies of J. Milam Hellams and His Wife Found, Each With Wound.

Laurens, Sept. 6.—Cold in death's embrace and lying near each other, Mr. and Mrs. J. Milam Hellams, who reside near Tumbling Shoals, were found this morning at 10 o'clock on the floor of their bed room, with a pistol wound in the head of each. Under the body of Mr. Hellams was found a revolver, with two empty chambers. The theory generally accepted is that it is a case of murder and suicide.

The tragedy probably occurred yesterday afternoon shortly after four o'clock, as Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Terry, who live near by, testified at the coroner's inquest this afternoon that they heard two shots at about that time in the direction of the Hellams home. As this was not an unusual circumstance, however, they paid no attention to it, for it is said Mr. Hellams frequently engaged in target practice about his home, being an expert pistol shot.

## Verdict of Jury.

The coroner's jury returned a verdict to the effect that both came to their death from gunshot wounds in the hands of parties unknown to the jury. The doors to the room were closed and the window shades pulled down. About ten minutes elapsed between the reports of the two shots, it is said, and the supposition is that Hellams shot his wife and then prepared the room for his own destruction.

Mrs. Hellams was shot through the temple and her body was in front of an open dresser, with one foot resting on an overturned chair, which she probably occupied at the time the fatal shot was fired. Mrs. Hellams was shot in the forehead and was lying face downward. On the carpet were pools of blood and there was nothing to indicate that either body had been molested after death.

## Robbery Hardly Motive.

That robbery led to the double tragedy is improbable, as two purses containing \$34 were found in the pockets of Mr. Hellams, and in the satchel of Mrs. Hellams was a smaller sum. Neighbors, becoming suspicious on not seeing any signs of life about the Hellams home late yesterday afternoon, and again this morning, decided to make an investigation, with the results as stated.

Mr. Hellams was a good farmer and lived in that section of the county all his life. He was about sixty-eight years of age. Last winter he married Miss Deheims, of Lexington County, who was his second wife. Mrs. Hellams was a sister of Joe Deheims, a well-known poultry fancier of Lexington. One daughter and two sons by a former marriage survive Mr. Hellams.

## BOMB PLANT FOUND.

Roof of Building Blown Off by Blast as Detectives Were Passing.

Hoboken, N. J., Sept. 8.—What appeared to be a fully equipped bomb-making plant was disclosed to the police tonight when an explosion blew off the roof of a small building in Third street as two detectives were passing. A man who fled from the structure was seized by one of the officers. He gave the name of Robert Lichenfeldt and his age as fifty-three years old. He admitted he is of German birth.

The fire which followed the explosion was quickly extinguished without additional damage from the dangerous contents of the structure, which is situated in a thickly populated section.

Police reserves removed the bomb-making ingredients, which included bottles of sulphuric acid, muriatic acid, sulphate of iron, nitroglycerine and several pans of white powder.

The plant was elaborately equipped. On a work bench were several chemist scales, mortars for mixing purposes, a bellows and five gas jets. The supply of explosives was said by the police to be fully as complete as that found in a River street hotel in February, when Hans Schwartz and Fritz Kolb were arrested.

Lichenfeldt was held under the technical charge of being a disorderly person.

## New Machine Gun Tripod.

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## NO MORE GRAIN FOR LIQUOR.

Whiskey Manufacture Ceases Under Food Law Provision.

Washington, Sept. 8.—Tonight at 11 o'clock whiskey manufacture ceases in the United States under the provisions of the food control law, and the millions of bushels of grain used heretofore in making that form of drink will be diverted to food. Importation of whiskey also stops tonight.

Just how much grain will be added to the food supply as a result is not determinable, but experts say about 100,000,000 bushels are used by the distilleries each year, of which about 40,000,000 bushels are used in whiskey manufacture.

Customs officials throughout the country after tonight will seize all importations of spirituous liquors reaching the United States. Officers of the Internal revenue bureau throughout the country will see that distilleries make no more whiskey.

Distillers may continue manufacturing alcohol for commercial purposes, and many of them have arranged for this work, others turning their distilleries into manufacturing plants for yeast, vinegar and by-products.

Stocks of whiskey in the country undoubtedly are larger than they ever have been, because of active preparation by distillers and dealers in anticipation of the law. Distillers have been working at utmost capacity and imports have been larger than ever.

Officials estimate the quantity of whiskey in bond in warehouses to be about 190,000,000 gallons. Stocks not in bond will bring the quantity on hand in the country up to about 230,000,000 gallons. The annual production of whiskey has been 116,000,000 gallons.

## MESSAGES TO BERLIN.

Directions for Destruction of Vessels Sent Through Swedish Office.

Washington, Sept. 8.—Copies of three brief dispatches made public by the State Department today revealed another case of sinister German diplomacy, this time directed against Argentina and involving the Swedish foreign office in an apparent grave breach of neutrality and diplomatic propriety.

They were messages to Berlin from Count Luxberg, the German charge at Buenos Aires, forwarded by the Swedish legation there as its own communications. Besides advising that no concession be granted Argentina in the submarine controversy, they suggested that the South American country's ships be sunk without leaving any trace of them, and gave information as to the sailing and the positions of certain vessels.

The department's announcement went to the Argentine embassy and the Swedish legation here at the same time it was given to the public. There was no explanation as to how the messages came into the hands of the United States nor discussion as to what may be the result.

## Created Sensation.

The action created a sensation, particularly among the neutral diplomats. Baron Akerheim, the Swedish charge, in the absence of advices from his government, would not comment further than to say it was improbable that the Swedish minister at Buenos Aires knew of the contents of the dispatches. Axel Robert Nordvall, of the special Swedish economic mission, declared he was certain that Baron Lowen, the Swedish minister to Argentina, had no knowledge of the contents of the dispatch.

"Moreover, I am sure," said Mr. Nordvall, that no Swede would have been a party to such a heartless proceeding. I know Baron Lowen very well. He is not in good health and it is possible that he was unaware of the sending of any messages. If the dispatches were in German code, as I assume they were, even if he knew they were sent, he could not have known their contents and may have thought they were harmless business messages."

Mr. Nordvall was of the opinion that Baron Lowen would be recalled by the Swedish Government and said he looked for an explanation and a disavowal of any intention to commit an unneutral act.

## GARBAGE TO FATTEN HOGS.

Kentucky Men Awarded Contract at Camp Jackson.

Columbia, Sept. 8.—Henry Knight & Son, of Louisville, Ky., have been awarded the garbage disposal contract at Camp Jackson, and will immediately begin the erection of a plant to recover the grease from the garbage and feed the residue to a herd of several thousand hogs. The successful bidders for disposal of the garbage from the kitchens at Camp Jackson will put in the necessary equipment for recovering grease right away. A herd of 3,000 hogs will be kept in the plant all the time.

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