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CALVIN COOLIDGE IS DEAD

DIES BY BULLET ON DOORSTEP OF ESTRANGED WIFE

Shoots Self After Delivering
Notes to Woman He
Threatened to Kill.

CAKE FOR GIRL BURNED

Officers Fear Last Gift to
13-Year-Old Daughter
Was Poisoned.

After delivering farewell notes to his estranged wife and daughter, Clarence Silvey, 37, of 330 North Noble street, killed himself early this morning by a shot through the heart as he stood on the doorstep of the wife's home at 732 East Michigan street.

The wife, Mrs. Martha Silvey, 31, who had closed the door after a brief interview with her husband, heard the shot and rushed outside to find the body crumpled on the sidewalk.

Rosalind, the 13-year-old daughter, still was in bed at the time of her father's visit, and was awakened by her mother with news of the shooting.

Ends Life With Shot

Silvey called at the Michigan street address about 7:20 this morning, shortly after Mrs. Silvey had returned from a nearby grocery, she told Lieutenant John Sheehan and squad, and Deputy Coroner E. R. Wilson, who investigated.

Because of previous threats against her life, Mrs. Silvey refused her husband admission to the house, and talked with him through a partly opened door, she said.

"Here's a package for you and Rosalind," Silvey said, extending a brown paper parcel, which Mrs. Silvey refused.

Laying the package on the door sill, Silvey backed away. His wife snatched the package and closed the door.

On her way back to the kitchen where she was preparing breakfast, she heard the shot ending her husband's life.

Leaves Notes With Wife

George Lenore, 431 North Noble street, was a witness to the shooting as he passed the house on the way to work. The blue steel .38-caliber revolver used by Silvey was found near the body with four unfired cartridges.

When unwrapped by Wilson, the package was found to contain two pieces of sponge cake, two notes, various personal belongings and two large envelopes addressed to the wife and daughter. Contents of the letters were not revealed by Wilson, but were said to contain detailed version of domestic troubles.

On the outside of the letter addressed to Mrs. Silvey was the notation:

"Martha: My love for you is the only reason that you are left alive. I could not lie on you like you did on me. Please don't lie about me when I'm gone like you did when I was alive. Clarence."

Cake Is Ordered Burned

One of the notes with the cake read, "Martha: Here is a piece of the last cake that daddy baked. I baked it yesterday and I just wanted you and Rosalind to taste it. You don't have to eat it if you don't want to. I ate the rest of it last night."

Wilson ordered the cake burned on suspicion that it might be poisoned. The second note directed that the wife "Please cover me up until the ambulance comes."

Mrs. Silvey told police of several occasions on which her life had been threatened by her husband since she filed suit for divorce Dec. 3 in superior court two. She said a restraining order had been issued to prevent molestation from her husband.

Several weeks ago Mrs. Silvey encountered her husband near St. Joseph's church and was forced to make a trip with him to Noblesville in his automobile. Throughout the journey he threatened her constantly with a revolver, believed to be the same with which he took his life.

Death Threats Charged

Reaching Noblesville, Silvey drove to Little Eagle cemetery there and, pressing the gun against the wife's side, marched her to the grave of a daughter, Elizabeth, who died four years ago.

Unless she withdrew her divorce suit and returned to him, he would kill her. Mrs. Silvey said her husband threatened. Fearing for her life, Mrs. Silvey promised to return to him.

Silvey is survived by a brother, Charley Silvey of Mt. Comfort, Ind., and his mother, Mrs. Sarah Silvey, who is said to be a patient in a state institution.

He was born in Castleton, Ind., but for the last eighteen years had lived in Indianapolis. The Silveys were married in Allisonville, sixteen years ago. Although by profession a stationary engineer, Silvey had in the last few years had employment as a milk wagon driver and grocery clerk. Mrs. Silvey said, "He had not been employed recently."



Traitor Trap Device to Stop Looting of Chickens Kills Its Inventor.

By United Press

WATSEKA, Ill., Jan. 5.—Lee Margrey, 60, set a trap for chicken thieves, walked into it, and fatally wounded himself.

Margrey lived on a farm near Omara. Thieves broke into his henhouse several times. He decided to trap them.

He fastened a loaded shotgun in the henhouse, fixed a string so that when any one opened the door the shotgun would be fired.

Then he forgot about the trap and opened the door himself. The full charge from the shotgun tore into his left leg just above the knee.

Physicians amputated his leg, but he died today of shock and hemorrhage.

Slap Hoover Economy Move

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The house expenditures committee today adopted a resolution disapproving President Hoover's government reorganization program.

Clarence Silvey

Blaine Committee Backs Qualified Repeal Plan; Speedy Action Promised

Measure Protecting Dry States, Preventing Return of
Saloon Approved by Senate Group: Borah
Stands for Reservation Right.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Chairman John J. Blaine's Senate judiciary subcommittee today approved repeal of the eighteenth amendment with protection for dry states and prohibition of the saloon.

The repealer would be submitted to state legislatures.

Blaine said no formal vote was taken on the repeal resolution, but that he considered the committee's action as "a favorable report for repeal."

Qualified repeal in the form approved by the subcommittee is believed to have more senate support than the pending 3.2 per cent beer bill. But the necessity of a two-thirds majority in amending the Constitution is a major hazard to Senate approval.

Senators have indicated they would not obstruct consideration of the repealer.

Chairman George W. Norris of the judiciary committee favors modification of the eighteenth amendment and opposes repeal, but has promised that the repealer will be handled expeditiously in his committee.

The senate subcommittee was composed of Senators Blaine (Rep., Wis.), Felix Hebert (Rep., R.), William Borah (Rep., Idaho), C. C. Dill (Dem., Wash.) and Walsh (Dem., Mont.).

The subcommittee was unanimous in approving submission of the repeal resolution to the full committee, but there were reservations by Blaine and Senator William E. Borah as to their final action on the resolution.

Borah resisted the right to oppose all or any part of the repealer. Blaine said he would move either in the full committee or on the Senate floor to eliminate the section prohibiting the saloon.

It was learned that there may be a Democratic move to substitute state conventions for legislatures in ratification of repeal. Both Republican and Democratic platforms stipulated conventions.

Committee members took into consideration the considerable extra cost of assembling state conventions to pass on a constitutional amendment.

Subcommittee action on repeal removes the last obstacle to beer hearings, scheduled before the same group Saturday.

THEATER RAZED IN MONTICELLO FIRE

Loss Estimated at More
Than \$12,000.

By United Press

MONTICELLO, Ind., Jan. 5.—The Strand theater in downtown Monticello was destroyed by fire early today at a loss estimated from \$12,000 to \$15,000.

The Logansport fire department was called when flames threatened to spread through an entire business block.

The theater was owned by John and Frank Alexander, Lebanon.

Mrs. J. I. Hurst Winner in Times Bridge Turney

Mrs. J. I. Hurst, 5649 Carrollton avenue, with a plus score of 2010 won the Indianapolis contract bridge championship finals Wednesday night at the Columbia Club and, thereby, a trip to St. Petersburg, Fla., next week.

Sponsored by The Times in conjunction with the American Bridge League, the tournament sends Mrs. Hurst to the league national finals to play winners from other larger cities of the United States.

Second among the eight finalists, after they were reduced to one table of four, was Mrs. L. H. Brink, 5655 College avenue, with a minus score of 250. T. E. Vance, 2643 Brookside avenue, was third with a minus 330 and W. S. Abel, 1064 Oliver avenue, was fourth with a minus 1430.

If Mrs. Hurst is unable to go, for any reason, the runner-up, Mrs. Brink, will represent Indianapolis in the national finals.

At table one in the first round of

LESLIE SAYS FAREWELL TO LEGISLATURE

Urges Continuation of His
Policies: Reports on
State Affairs.

DEMOCRATS IN SADDLE

Assembly Adjourns Until
Monday, Following Gov-
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Calvin Coolidge

Dies Alone in Home



LABOR 'READY TO USE FORCE'

Strikes to Be Called to Win
30-Hour Week, Green
Warns.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Labor is prepared to use its "economic force" if necessary to enforce the five-day-thirty-hour week in industry. President William Green of the American Federation of Labor told a senate judiciary subcommittee today.

Green appeared at the hearing on the Black Bill to enforce the shorter work week.

Chairman George W. Norris asked how labor would employ force.

"By calling strikes where the men are organized," Green replied. "That's the only way organized labor ever has obtained wage increases and better standards."

"That means a terrible struggle," Norris said.

Hopeful Future

"With continued careful management, sound and constructive policies, persistent enforcement of economy in government, wise employment of the budget principle, consistent application of business methods in the purchase of supplies for our state departments and institutions; continuance unimpaired of the state's productive agencies, and courageous adherence to the principles of drastic retrenchment all along the line, in accord with the economic emergency which compels government as well as private business, public official as well, as ordinary citizen, to curtail all but the essential activities and to forego luxuries, Indiana will weather the storm and work out her own salvation," the Governor asserted.

Adjustment of the \$1.50 property tax limitation law to care for state revenues, was urged, with the advice that "good features of the law should be preserved."

Officials of the Compagnie Sud Atlantique announced that nine Atlantic members of the Atlantique crew were missing. It was indicated that the ship possibly would sink in mid-channel.

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