

EPIDEMIC OF SUICIDE IN SO. CHICAGO

Three Attempts at Self Destruction Follow Each Other Within as Many Days; None, However, are Successful.

METHODS ARE AS VARIED AS CASES ARE NUMEROUS

Shooting Favored By One, Drowning By Another, While a Third, Disgusted With His Worthless Habits, Seeks to End His Life By Being Run Over By Railroad Train.

South Chicago, Oct. 7.—(Special.)—Two suicides were attempted in South Chicago yesterday, making the third within the last three days. It would appear that the city is in the throes of a suicidal mania with three clear cases developed in as many days. The cases are those of Mary Tera, who attempted to jump off the Ninety-second street bridge, Carl Becker, who tried to have a train run over him at One Hundredth street and the third was that of Captain Knox of the Standard Oil Company, who attempted to shoot himself. The first attempt will probably be unsuccessful because of the small calibre of the gun with which he shot himself. At the hospital this morning it was reported that he was somewhat improved and that he had good chances of living. No operation has been performed on him at the present time for the extraction of the bullet.

Probably the saddest case of all is that of Mary Tera, who attempted to jump off the Ninety-second street bridge and end her troubles in the murky waters of the Calumet. She would undoubtedly have been successful had it not been for the intervention of the bridge tender who had noticed her queer actions for some time. John Peterman, who works nights saw the girl approaching the bridge from the east at about 12 o'clock last night unaccompanied. He watched her carefully for that reason and noted her peculiar action.

Bridge Tender Interferes.
When she stopped at the railing and leaned over he thought it time to take some action and walked over to where she was standing. He then asked her what she was doing and she replied in a burst of tears that she was tired of living and wished to end her life by jumping in the river. The bridge tender immediately notified the police, who took her to the station.

As she appeared in court this morning, she excited much sympathy and many of those present were moved to tears. She was dressed in black and white and presented a neat, comely appearance. The girl has black, wavy hair, and round, rosy cheeks and soon after she stepped into the court room she won the hearts of all those present. She told Judge Griten that she had been put out of the house by her mother with whom she had quarreled for some time. Since that time she had worked and supported herself in various ways and had always been a hard working girl. Without the guidance of her mother, however, in the last few months she got into evil ways gradually gaining the reputation of a bad character. A short time ago she was arrested by a South Chicago policeman, whom she approached in a familiar manner and it developed at that time that she had not been living a respectable life.

Had Been at White House.
She admitted this morning that previous to her attempt to take her own life she had been spending the evening at the White House near Roby. She was accompanied there by a young man, who left her to go home by herself. Miss Tera denies having drunk any liquor but she says that she spent her time roller-skating.

Carl Becker was found lying on the B. and O. tracks at One Hundredth street. The police were notified and they took the man to the station. He has not had any employment for some time and is known to be a worthless character. It is said that he attempted self-destruction because he was disgusted with himself. He was intoxicated at the time he was found by the police.

WARRANT FOR SLUGGER

South Chicago, Oct. 7.—(Special.)—Warrants have been issued for the arrest of Tony Mallin, street circulator of the Chicago Journal, and Robert Worden, circulator of the Daily Calumet. Mallin is charged with assault and battery with a deadly weapon, and Worden with provoking an assault on J. S. Case, the well known business man. The arrests will come this afternoon.

WEATHER—Probably showers this afternoon or tonight; fair Tuesday; cooler.

GARY TRUSTEES MEET

Board Takes up Improvement of Streets; Sewerage Plans Proposed.

Gary, Oct. 7.—(Special.)—The board of trustees held its regular meeting Saturday afternoon with a full attendance. The contracts for the improvement of Broadway from the Pennsylvania railroad south to Twenty-fifth avenue and for Madison street from the Wabash to the Pennsylvania railroad were awarded to the Gary Construction company and the Cain Construction company respectively. The former contract runs about fifty thousand dollars and the latter nearly ninety thousand.

The Wabash railroad has agreed to cinder its right of way where it crosses Broadway until spring when it will pave similarly to the paving south of its track according to a report made at the meeting. Attorney K. K. Knapp of the Gary and Western asked for an ordinance permitting the railroad to run through Gary. This was granted and an ordinance passed closing and vacating certain ends of streets which the road will cross between Madison street and Broadway north of the Michigan Central railroad.

Consulting Engineer Ahlborn of Ahlborn & Burdick, came in just before the meeting opened and explained to the board members a feasible scheme for providing sewerage systems for the entire district now comprising Gary and Teleson that can be worked out in units and it is thought that his plan will to a large extent be followed out. The plan is a tentative one resulting from a conference of City Engineer Melton with the famous sewer engineers of Chicago and should prove of the largest benefit to the entire community.

The regular tax levy was made on the basis of the \$5,000,000 showing as certified to by County Auditor Johnson. The levy was put at the limit in anticipation of the enormous expense under which the town will be put by reason of its phenomenal growth.

JOHN HESS IS LUCKY

Hessville Postmaster Finds Fifty Pearls in Wagon Load of River Clams.

(Special to Lake County Times.)
Hessville, Oct. 7.—Postmaster John Hess was one of the fortunate pearl fishermen, and is now proudly exhibiting a bottle containing about fifty of the little gems. They are all of good color and some of them are as large as a pea. Mr. Hess obtained the pearls from the clams which he dug in the Calumet river, the discovery of which was told in the LAKE COUNTY TIMES. He dug a wagon load of the clams and brought them to his home where he abstracted the gems from their setting in the flesh of the clam. An expert appraised the find and found they were worth several hundreds of dollars. Many other people of this town were fortunate enough to find some of the pearls.

WOULD RETAIN GILBERT

Residents of Harbor Circulate Petition Asking for His Reappointment.

(Special to Lake County Times.)
Indiana Harbor, Oct. 7.—According to reports from Indiana Harbor this morning a petition is being circulated asking for the reappointment of Edwin Gilbert as postmaster of that city. Mr. Gilbert's term expires the first of February and it is said that Congressman Crumpacker has announced his intentions of recommending A. G. Lindquist for the position. This rumor has led to the circulation of a petition asking for the reappointment of Gilbert and it is said that nearly 600 names have been signed to the paper. It is understood that Mr. Crumpacker has announced his intentions of recommending the appointment of Lindquist and in an interview with his son, Fred Crumpacker, this morning the rumor was practically confirmed. In the meantime the petition will be circulated through all sections of the Harbor.

WARDEN STARTS NEW SYSTEM

Grants Each Prisoner Personal Interview Once Every Six Months.

Jeffersonville, Ind., Oct. 7.—Superintendent W. H. Whittaker of the Indiana Reformatory, has just completed the task of talking with each inmate of the institution twice during the past twelve months. It is his plan to talk with each of the prisoners about every six months in order to hear their grievances, if they have any, to encourage them and give advice. He has found these talks very helpful to the inmates, who seem to appreciate the opportunity given them and who are, as a rule, more careful to observe the rules of the prison thereafter. The task which Mr. Whittaker assigned himself means that he had no less than 3,000 such talks during the last twelve months.

See what a few lines of type will do toward straightening out the matter.



ARRESTED FOR ASSAULT

Hungarian Medicine Vender Forces Attention Upon Pretty Foreign Girl.

(Special to Lake County Times.)
East Chicago, Oct. 7.—K. Erdely, a Hungarian, patent medicine vender, who had been patrolling the streets of East Chicago for a number of days was arrested yesterday on the charge of assault and battery upon a pretty foreign girl in Melville avenue in what is known as the Oklahoma district. The girl refused to give her name at the time the arrest was made saying that she would appear today as a prosecuting witness. Owing to the mayor's absence this morning the case had to be continued until tomorrow. Erdely dropped into the girl's home under the pretense of wanting to sell his goods when suddenly according to the girl's charges he began to make violent love to her, laying hands upon her and frightening her half out of her senses. The girl screamed and calling in the neighbors the intruder tried to make his escape. The police were, however, hurriedly summoned and the arder made. Erdely is still in the city lock up.

DEAL ALMOST CLOSED

Negotiations for Country Club Site About Completed; Work to Begin.

Work upon the Hammond country club buildings which has been hanging fire for the last three months will in all probability be started at once. The above is the substance of a lengthy interview with Attorney John Gavit, this morning.

Will J. Davis, who is known to be the principal backer of the new club is at present in Memphis, Tenn., but he will be in Chicago the latter part of the week and from Chicago he will come to Hammond where he expects to close all negotiations that are now pending in regard to the property.

The exact location of the new club is known only to those who are inside on the affair and they refuse to divulge the location although it is generally believed to be on the south side.

The fact that Hammond had been chosen as the most convenient spot for the erection of the club, was made known nearly three months ago and since that time the men back of the project have been negotiating for the purchase of property upon which to erect the buildings.

It has been only within the last two weeks that the backers have arrived at terms with the present owners of the land and now that everything is practically closed, all who are interested are wondering what location has been chosen.

BROWN'S WITHDRAWAL FAVORS "TOM" MARSHALL

Refusal of Valpo's President to Run for Governor Advances Cause of Columbia City Man; Friends Predict Tidal Wave for Him.

LaPorte, Oct. 7.—The positive refusal of Hon. H. B. Brown, president of Valparaiso university, to permit the use of his name in connection with the democratic nomination for governor, will result in the opinion of democratic politicians, in a tidal wave for Hon. Thomas Marshall, of Columbia City. A canvas made of county chairman members of the legislature and party workers has revealed a strong Marshall sentiment, which promises to result in the Tenth district swinging into line for the brilliant Whitley county attorney. Fred Renoch, of this city, has announced which indicates that there will be little if any opposition to his election as a delegate to the national democratic convention.

WASELIK WILL BE TRIED TOMORROW

Notorious Bandit Who Broke Jail and Was Re-arrested to Get Hearing

JUDGE WINDES ON THE CASE

Conviction Will Bring Joy to Police Whom He Has Given Endless Trouble.

(Special to Lake County Times.)
South Chicago, Oct. 7.—Stanley Waselek, the notorious bandit who was captured by the South Chicago police and who later escaped from the Cook county jail, will be tried tomorrow for holding up the Bridge saloon and for committing burglary in the saloon of Victor Skoog, 8201 Commercial avenue and for many other robberies. William Rogers will also be tried at the same time and he is also supposed to be guilty of numerous crimes.

The history of the notorious criminal filled with daring holdups and robberies. It is thought that he has been involved in over one hundred crimes in which he played a leading part in terrorizing his victims. He is well known for his wonderful coolness and the shrewd manner in which he handles himself in tight places. No desperado in the annals of crime in Chicago caused more rejoicing by his capture than Waselek, who was arrested Sept. 5.

Makes His Escape.
On Sept. 25, Waselek with his partner, William Rogers, broke out of the county jail in a most daring manner and had it not been for the fact that he injured his foot as he jumped to the ground he would undoubtedly be at liberty at the present time rather than preparing himself to face Judge Windes with a certainty of conviction.

The wonderful escape from the jail was not wondered at by those who were familiar with the story of Waselek's depredations and knew the character of the man. Those who did not know him, however, it appeared to be the most bold and successfully planned delivery ever attempted in the city.

Waselek's capture it will be remembered, was made by Officers Barchard, McShane and Quinn after a hard chase in which several shots were exchanged between the fugitive and his captors. He was finally cornered in the basement of a building and gave up after a desperate struggle. He was then brought to the Fifteenth precinct station, where an extra guard was placed around him to prevent his escape.

STRUCK BY A TRAIN

(Special to Lake County Times.)
West Pullman, Oct. 7.—Mr. Andrew Anderson of 11712 Peoria street, was instantly killed last Saturday evening at 6:45 o'clock near the Pan Handle tracks at the corner of Halstead street and One Hundred and Nineteenth street. He had started for home, walking along the railroad tracks when the fast train coming from the south struck him. He was 48 years of age and leaves an invalid wife and five children.

Won His Bet.

To win a bet that he had made with a friend of his, John Coxie, a switchman, employed at Indiana Harbor, carried a pumpkin that weighed twenty pounds all the way from Indiana Harbor to South Chicago. When Coxie arrived at South Chicago he was almost famished from the work. He said that this was the first pumpkin that he carried from Indiana Harbor and the last one. The bet was for \$25 and Coxie took the next train home.

BAD WRECK ON MONON

Early Morning Passenger Train Strikes Rear End of Freight.

(Special to Lake County Times.)
Rensselaer, Ind., Oct. 7.—The morning paper train from Chicago collided with the rear end of a freight train at Splitter's crossing, Sunday morning about 5 o'clock. The passenger train is due here at 4:49 and was on time, but the freight was too slow in getting on the side tracks. A man was sent to signal the passenger train, but did not succeed in stopping it on time. The caboose and three flat cars were totally demolished and the passenger engine was turned upside down. The passengers were considerably shaken up, some receiving slight injuries. The engineer was cut about the face by flying timber. The only passenger on the train from Rensselaer was Billy Bean, the station agent, who was returning from Chicago.

AMATEURS IN PLAY

Lowell Young People Entertain in "The Burglar" and "The Minister's Wife."

Lowell, Oct. 7.—(Special.)—Society was present in large numbers at the opera house Saturday evening, where a number of the young people of the town presented "The Burglar" and "The Minister's Wife." In the trying roles the amateurs did exceptionally well and receive the approbation of all who were present for their interpretations. The cast of characters was as follows:

"The Burglar."
Mrs. John Burton, hostess.....
..... Vada Clements
Mrs. Valerie Armsby, a young widow
..... Nellie Castle
Mrs. Carl Dover, a bride.....Corra Hayden
Miss Freda Dixon.....Clara Pixley
Miss Edith Brent.....Ruby Lynch
"Daddy" a selection.....Clara Pixley
"The Minister's Wife."
Miss Bennet, Principal of Girl's
Seminary.....Hattie Foster
Mrs.Helen Dwyer
GertrudeLela McNay
MildredCalla Palmer
Molly.....Clara Pixley
Mrs. ParsonsNellie Castle

NEW FIRM LAUNCHED

Ellis and Southworth Reorganize with H. D. Ellis Retiring—Ray Southworth Buys Interest.

Griffith, Oct. 7.—The new mercantile firm of Southworth & Son was launched today. It consists of L. A. Southworth of the old firm of Ellis and Southworth, and his son Ray Southworth. H. D. Ellis of the old firm has retired from business disposing of his half interest to the younger Mr. Southworth, and will hereafter do nothing but care for the postoffice, which has been run for a long time in connection with the other business. The postoffice will be removed to another building thus giving the new firm considerable more room which has been greatly needed for some time past.

They expect to enlarge their floor space and extend the business in the near future, so that Griffith will have one of the most up-to-date and commodious stores in Lake county, outside of the department stores of Hammond.

WELL-KNOWN HORSEMAN DEAD

Kokomo, Ind., Oct. 7.—Edward Sweeney, a wealthy manufacturer and well-known horseman, is dead, aged 45 years.

Times Want "ads" Bring Results.

WANT WIDER PAVEMENT

Property Owners on Michigan Avenue Enter Protest Against Roadbed.

A large delegation composed of property owners on Michigan avenue appeared before the board of public works this morning to remonstrate against the proposed improvement of Michigan avenue from Calumet avenue to Columbia avenue with a 30 foot macadam roadbed.

In compliance with the committee's wishes the board rescinded the resolution and now awaits the property holders' decision for the kind and width of pavement that is desired they have their choice between macadam and vitrified brick. The remonstrance this morning, however, was principally against the width of the proposed macadam the property holders preferring to have their street paved to the extent of 35 feet instead of 30. In all probability they will decide in favor of the vitrified brick for the improvement.

Property holders on Harrison street in Robertsdale were granted an extension of time for their sidewalk construction.

The board advertised for bids for cement sidewalk construction in Warren street and brick pavement in Hanover street, also for bids for the lowering of the sewer in Mason street.

The resolution for the lowering of the Cook street sewer was rescinded in compliance with a remonstrance of the property holders in the street.

SOLVE BRIDGE PROBLEM

City, County and Street Car Company Reach Agreement on Repairs.

The Hohman street bridge problem faces a temporary solution owing to the efforts of the local board of public works.

John L. Rhode, president of the board, induced J. L. Matson, general manager of the South Chicago City Railway company, to accompany him to Crown Point where the two men in company with H. H. Easterly, the consulting engineer of the street car company went before the board of county commissioners to make arrangements for an appropriation. Mr. Rhode seeing no other way out of the difficulty excepting to help pay part of the repair expenses on the city's part and thus induce the county commissioners and the street car to share the expense.

Mr. Rhode's original proposition before the commissioners this morning was that the city and county each bear one-fourth of the expenses while the street car company pay the remaining half. The street car representatives objected to this proportion and the commissioners finally arranged another agreement by which the city pay one-fourth, the county one-third and the street car the balance. The company's engineer figured that the expense of repairing the bridge at a little less than \$1,000.

The board held a special session this afternoon when the agreement came up for ratification.

SLAUGHTERED BY "LIMITED"

Three Died and Two Injured by Being Run Down by Lake Shore Flyer at Gary

(Special to Lake County Times.)
Gary, Ind., Oct. 7.—As several hundred people were crowding across the tracks of the Lake Shore railroad at Gary shortly after 6 o'clock Saturday night, the eastbound flyer known as "The Limited," pulled by two engines, dashed through and before the people realized the danger, was in their midst, scattering them like chaff, killing three and injuring two more. Fully fifty men and women had narrow escapes as they jumped right and left to avoid the onrushing engine, and men grew faint as they realized what had happened, while several women who were present fainted at the terrible sight.

The Dead.
JOSEPH N. FORTENAY, 6391 Wentworth avenue, Chicago, an ex-railroad man, formerly a passenger conductor on the Rock Island; compound fracture of skull besides other injuries; died a few minutes after accident.

SAMUEL A. GERSTLEY, secretary to Holybush Distilling company of Chicago; lives at Thirty-eighth street; struck by engine and horribly mangled; death instantaneous.

ALBERT STEIN, a whisky salesman of Union City, Ind.; compound fracture of skull; both legs broken; died at Mercy hospital.

The Injured.
C. J. HULTINE, 338 State street, Chicago; engineer for Illinois Improvement and Ballast company; compound fracture of skull; condition serious.

JOHN SCHWARTZ, engineer of the Great Lakes Dredging and Dock company; skull fractured and lacerated about head and body; recovery doubtful.

GIRL GOES TO ST. LOUIS IN BOX CAR

Effie Sphanki, 13-Years-Old, and Two Boy Companions Reach "Grandma" After Long Journey on Freight Train.

HAVE BEEN MISSING SINCE LAST WEEK

Pies and Doughnuts Like Grandmother Used to Make, Dwell in the Memory of South Chicago Children Who Run Away to Eat Once More of the Delicacies.

(Special to Lake County Times.)

South Chicago, Oct. 7.—Riding from South Chicago to St. Louis on a freight train is the wonderful stunt of little 13-year-old Effie Sphanki of 9159 South Chicago avenue and her boy companions, Louis Sphanki, 10 years old, her brother, and Leonard Burns, 12 years. The story of the mysterious disappearance of the children was told in the Saturday evening edition of the LAKE COUNTY TIMES, and it was thought when the absence was discovered that the children had gone to St. Louis. The grandmother of the Sphanki children lived there and they never cease to talk of the wonders of her cooking, the pies, the cakes and the dainties, which she concocted.

They left home Friday, after school and the anxious parents sought high and low for the missing ones. They took with them the contents of their penny savings banks, amounting to about \$3 in all. No trace of the children was found in South Chicago. Yesterday word was received from the favorite grandmother in St. Louis that the three little tots were safe and sound with her.

Girl as Game as the Boys.

The children stated that they left South Chicago and jumped into an empty box car which they knew to be billed for St. Louis. The little girl was not a bit more timid than the rest of the "gang" and with what little lunch that they had prepared for themselves before they started they made the trip without being overcome by the pangs of hunger. They were found by freight hands at St. Louis where they told the men the address of their grandmother, and thither they were taken. They were some hungry when they arrived at her home and did justice to the good things she had in the larder. Their parents were at once notified and thought it would be a shame to bring the children home at once after such a hard endeavor to reach their grandmother, so they will stay with her for a few days. Their clothes were a little the worse for the box car trip.