

HOW G. I. HAM DIED

FORMER NAPANESE RESIDENT DROWNED UNDER AN AUTO

Which Plunged Over Embankment Into Creek—Bridge Had Been Washed Away by Recent Floods

The Herald, of Los Angeles, Cal., has the following account of the tragic death of George I. Ham, formerly of Napanee:

"Dudley Harvey Elder, grandson of Millionaire C. W. Harvey, of Whittier, and George I. Ham, former Mexico City banker, were killed when their automobile dashed over an embankment at the Pellissier bridge on the Puente road, just north of Whittier, early Monday.

"Their bodies were found both pinned beneath the overturned automobile. Both had been crushed and drowned in the waters of Sheep creek.

"Ham was fifty years old, and leaves a wife, one married daughter and one son, Harry Ham, who drove in the last Phoenix race.

"The accident happened at the east end of the Pellissier bridge over Sheep creek. About thirty feet of the bridge had been washed away by the recent floods and the damage was not yet repaired. The car went over the embankment and plunged down beneath the overhanging bridge. It turned partly over, and both men, caught beneath, were drowned.

"Elder and Ham were returning from a fishing trip in the San Bernardino mountains. In the party besides Elder and Ham were Mrs. George I. Ham, Harry Ham, Don Lee, the Cadillac agent in Los Angeles, and others. The party were in two machines.

"The car in which the Hams and Elder were travelling suffered tire trouble, and Mrs. Ham and Harry Ham finished their trip in another machine. Elder and Ham, accompanied by the tire and followed.

"Not knowing the condition of the Puente road at the Pellissier bridge, Elder and Ham drove directly into it at high speed.

"When Mr. Ham failed to reach his home, Mrs. Ham went with Arthur King of the Rancho de Rey to search for the missing men. The King boys went over the Puente road until they reached the Pellissier bridge. There they found the wrecked machine and the men.

"Unable to extricate the bodies, they secured Undertaker White from Whittier and other men and the bodies were taken to Whittier.

"Ham was for years a wealthy banker in Mexico City. His bank failed there and Ham was thrown into prison, where he remained for three years. When his revolutionists opened the doors of his prison more than a year ago, Ham was released and returned to Whittier, where he rejoined his wife. Ham ever since lived on a ranch north of Whittier.

"Young Elder was a brother of Churchil Harvey Elder, who was killed when the Los Angeles Times building was wrecked by dynamite in October, 1910. Elder was one of the best known young men in Southern California. He was a brother of Mrs. Bernardo Shorb and was of an old and prominent family known throughout the state. He was a grandson of C. W. Harvey, millionaire Whittier rancher, and lived at the Harvey ranch, Orange Orchard, north of Whittier."

SHADES OF JOHN WESLEY

Great-Great-Grand Nephew is Charged With Theft

London, April 20.—A descendant of Charles Wesley, the celebrated hymn writer, and brother of John Wesley, appeared in the prisoner's dock at Clerkenwell police court Saturday. He was Lawrence Wesley, aged 46, described as a baker's "foundman," and was charged with stealing, forging, and uttering a cheque for £2 14s; the property of Rosa Burgess.

The prisoner had already served a sentence for theft recently and had lived a dissolute life. The magistrate committed him to jail. It was stated in court that the prisoner was a grandson of Samuel Sebastian Wesley, a celebrated composer, who was the grandson of Charles Wesley. He would thus be the great-great-grand nephew of John Wesley.



REAR-ADMIRAL BADGER
In command of the Atlantic fleet of the United States navy, consisting of sixteen dreadnoughts and smaller vessels, which has been ordered to proceed to Tampico. He has command of 20,000 marines.

120,000 U.S. MILITIA READY

Force Would Have to be Re-enlisted Before Entering Mexico

Washington, April 20.—A militia force of 120,000 men is available on a few hours' notice for use in Mexico. It cannot be sent across the border without the men re-enlisting in a volunteer army. All that is necessary is an order from President Wilson calling the guard out for service. The men could be transported to the border, there re-enlisted, and then sent across as an expeditionary force.

This was stated by Brigadier-General A. L. Mills, chief of the division of militia affairs. While he denied that any special orders had gone out to the militia within the last few days, he tacitly admitted that under a general order, sent out a month or more ago, practically all preparations have been made looking to the actual orders calling the guard into service.

In Mills' office are maps of the United States and Mexico. That of the United States is marked with small tags showing militia available at various points, transportation facilities, and the like. The one of Mexico showed the nature of the country, railroad routes, and other military information.

Mills said that in a number of States the militia force were not at the highest point of efficiency. It was assumed that New York, New Jersey, Ohio and possibly Illinois would likely be the first to be utilized—New York particularly, since the militia there is recognized as the best in the country.

While washing his wagon and horses on the waterfront at Montreal Desire Boileau was dragged into the river St. Lawrence when the animals and vehicles were unbalanced. Boileau and the horses were drowned.

The White Star Line, in view of the approaching advent of the 50,000 ton Britannic into the service, sold the Majestic, to be broken up. The price said to have been paid for the old liner is \$125,000.

ENEMIES COULD USE

PANAMA CANAL IN CASE OF WAR WITH U.S.

Bound to Permit Its Use, Senate Committee is Told—Japs Could Pass Through to New York

Washington, April 20.—In defence of the Panama tolls exemption, former Attorney-General Charles J. Bonaparte, of Baltimore, told the Senate Canal committee on Saturday that advocates of repeal could not escape from the position that the United States, in case of war, was bound to permit its enemy to use the canal.

"If we were at war with Japan our garrison at the isthmus," said he, "would be mere idle spectators of the peaceful passage of the Japanese fleet to attack New Orleans or New York. If we were at war with Germany the troops would look tranquilly on while German vessels traversed it to take San Francisco, and the net result of our enormous expenditure for the construction of the canal would be to make our coast much more vulnerable than it was before."

Mr. Bonaparte contended that the rules of construction required the Hay-Pauncefote treaty to be interpreted as not requiring the United States to use the canal on the same terms as the other nations of the world.

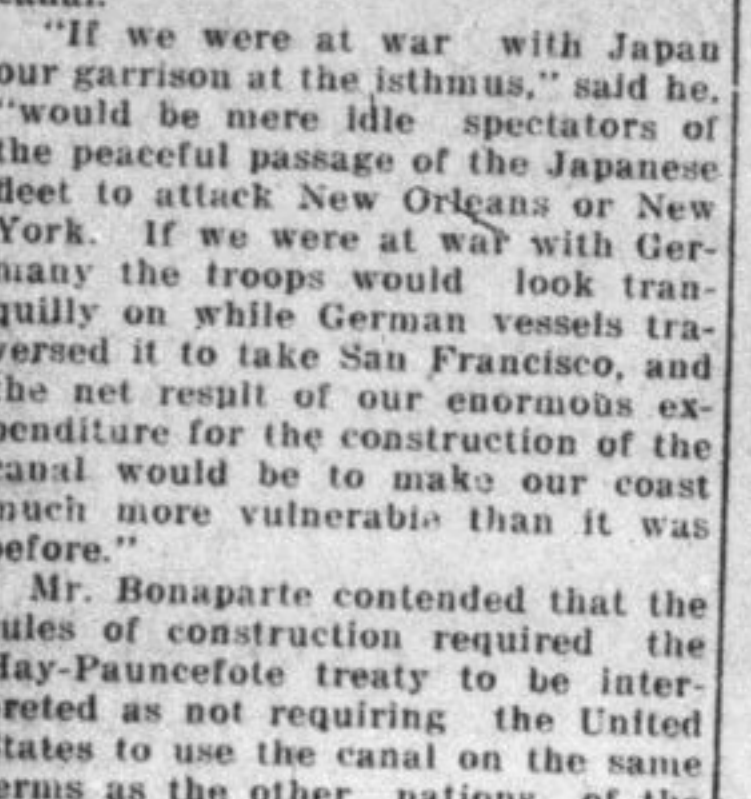
He contended there was no question that the exemption granted a bounty to the owners of coastwise vessels and added he thought it would have been wiser as a matter of form, to collect the tolls and refund them.

As a general rule of law, Mr. Bonaparte told the committee, when one person grants to "all persons" a right to use his property the grantor is not understood as including himself among those to whom the grant is made.

A specific expression to include the grantor is necessary to bind the owner to the conditions, he added.

"Applying this principle," to the present case," he continued, "if it had been the intention of the parties to this treaty that the United States should only use the canal on the same terms as Great Britain, Germany, Japan, or other powers, then to give effect to that understanding the United States ought to have promised in so many words to observe these rules in its own use of the canal."

Russell L. Dunn, of San Francisco, declared the collection of tolls on American coastwise ships would interfere with the passing of California lumber through the canal. He said that a reduction in the price of Californian petroleum would follow if that product passed through the canal with no tolls. He said that free tolls would develop the borax production in California.



Eddie Cicotte
Pitcher for the Chicago White Sox who last season had an average second only to that of the famous Walter Johnson.

COSTS U.S. \$43,332 A DAY

Mexican Flurry Rather Expensive for Uncle Sam

Washington, April 20.—Uncle Sam is paying about \$42,332 a day for upkeep charges alone, excluding pay of officers and men, in sending vessels to Mexican waters, maintaining those already there, and keeping under "awaiting orders" a fleet on the Pacific coast. This was figured out from Navy department estimates Saturday.

The totals do not include special emergency supplies of coal, food and ammunition and the cost would be enormously increased if any ammunition was actually used.

TOWNSHIP CLERK ACCUSED

Alleged to Have Converted Public's Money to Personal Use

South Indian, April 20.—W. J. Lowrie, former clerk of the township of Russel, was committed to stand his trial on charge of the embezzlement of \$300, received while clerk, for his personal use. The accused maintains that the matter was a personal one between himself and J. Winstanley, of Morrisburg, who, preliminary evidence showed, had given the cheque as a deposit on a contract, making it out in favor of Lowrie.

Restitution has since been made, but the three magistrates hearing the case decided to send Lowrie to trial at the L'Original assizes.

Brave Boys Rescue Dog

Montreal, April 20.—At the risk of their lives two boys, W. Holiday and W. Harris, rowed out in a light skiff among the floating ice and rescued a little dog. The animal had been stranded on a miniature iceberg on the St. Lawrence since Monday and its cries finally touched the hearts of the boys. Several times their boat nearly overturned in the current, but they caught the dog, which died from exhaustion soon after they reached shore.

CASE 23 YEARS IN COURTS

Plaintiff Spent \$186,000 to Get \$48,000

New York, April 20.—The case of Donnelly against McArdle, which has been in the courts for more than twenty-three years, is settled at last, and Michael Donnelly, the plaintiff, will within ten days receive the \$48,000 judgment for which he has spent the best years of his life and about \$186,000 in expenses to obtain.

The suit grew out of a business transaction between Mr. Donnelly and his brother-in-law, Patrick J. McArdle. The latter died four years ago, but the suit against his estate was persisted in.

KILLS HER DAUGHTER

WITH AN AXE AT HER HOME IN OTTAWA

Mother Believed to Have Objected to Girl's Sweetheart—She Appears to be Violently Insane

Ottawa, April 20.—Wielding an axe as the instrument of death, Mrs. Placide Massie, aged 45, wife of a plasterer, residing on the corner of Adelaide and Alfred streets, Hall, on Saturday afternoon murdered her nineteen-year-old daughter, Marie, the oldest of a family of seven children.

The woman had been acting strangely for about a week, and it is thought she committed the crime on an insane frenzy. The direct cause it is believed being the mother's objection to a young man with whom the daughter was keeping company.

So far as known there were no witnesses to the events leading up to the crime. The screams of the girl were heard by a neighbor, Felix Charron, who was too late to save her. He held the woman until the police arrived.

The body of the girl was horribly mutilated, her hands and head being almost severed, though she lived until a few minutes after Dr. Bellisle had reached her. She was, however, unable to make any statement.

Mrs. Massie was immediately taken into custody by a squad of police, and on being placed in a cell at headquarters, tried to suicide by battering her head against the wall. She appears to be violently insane.

Later details of the murder are to the effect that Marie Massie was called home to dinner by her mother. She entered the kitchen and seated herself at the table. One of the younger children saw the woman attack her without warning, the girl putting up her hands to ward off the blows of the axe, which caused the horrible wounds about the hands. She endeavored to run out, but only succeeded in reaching the door when she was struck down.

Mrs. Massie endeavored to use the axe on herself and was badly cut about the head. Her only words were "Let me die, I'm sorry I've done a bad thing for my family." She had to be tied down at the police station.

MOVIES AS CHURCH LURE

Advocated by New York City Methodist Parson

Saratoga, N.Y., April 20.—Moving pictures as a method of increasing church attendance were advocated by Dr. Christian F. Reischer, of Grace Methodist church, New York city, in an address before the Troy Methodist Episcopal conference, in which he declared that the church must awaken to the necessity of utilizing in its work some of the measures in operation outside.

"The devil has been using motion pictures too long," he said. "We have got to wake up and take them from him."

LION KILLS MOVIE ACTOR

Animal Shot by Attendants—Tragedy Whilst Making Film

Los Angeles, Cal., April 20.—While William Warner Kirby was performing before a moving picture camera in an animal scene, a lioness suddenly leaped upon his back and so terribly chewed and lacerated the actor that he died an hour later. The lioness, after being beaten from Kirby's body by attendants armed with iron bars, was shot.

Girl Kidnapped
Chicago, April 20.—While scores of persons looked on too amazed to lend assistance, Josephine Buffa, nineteen, was kidnapped by two men in an automobile in the heart of the business district. One was said to be a rejected suitor.

Cornwall Canal Overhauled
Cornwall, April 20.—It is expected that the Cornwall canal will be filled to-day. The work on the concrete retaining wall at the foot of lock 29, and the closing up of the old lock 19, will do away with the expense of maintaining gates, etc.

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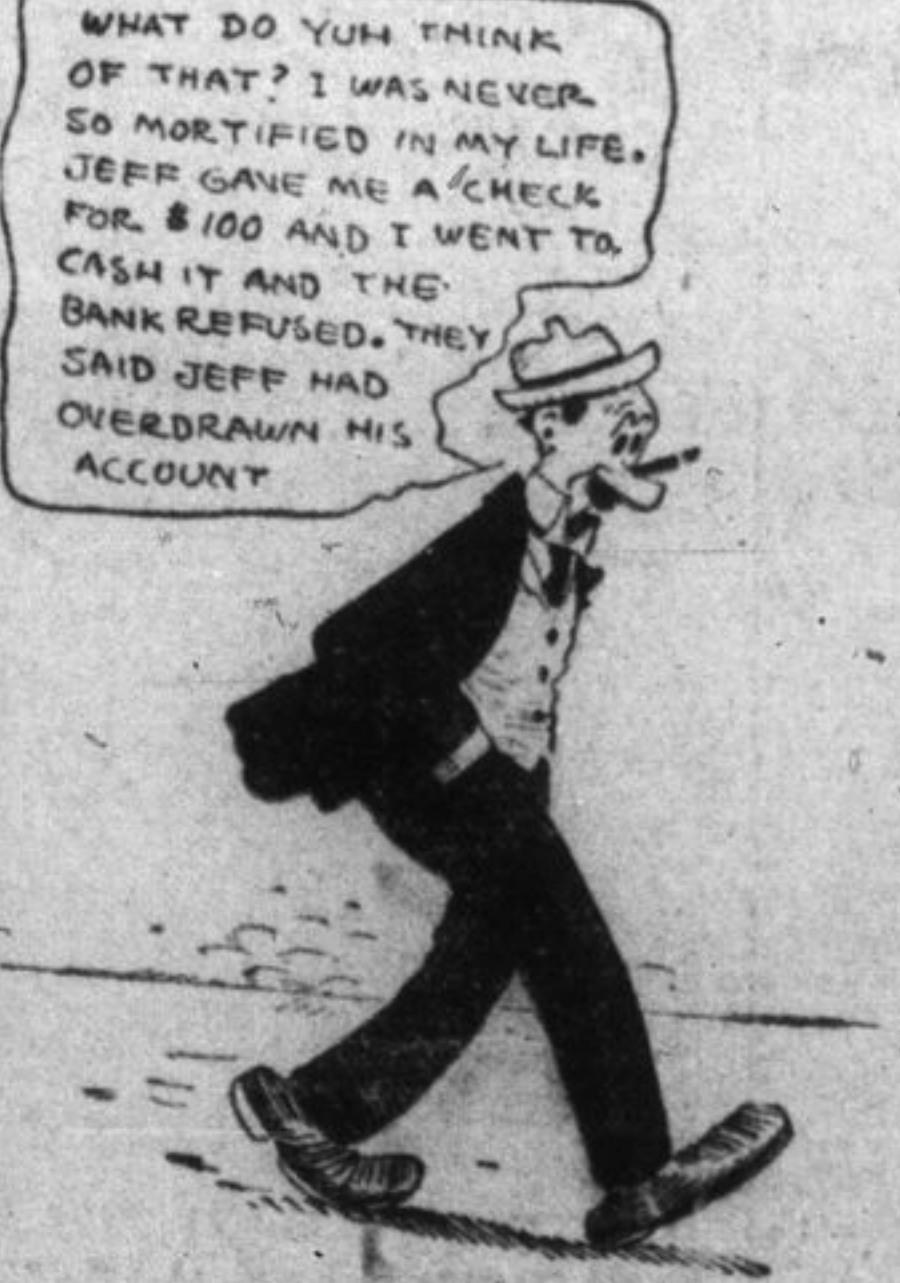
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